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Scientists want to bring mammoths back to life

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THE READING

Scientists want to bring back the woolly mammoth - an ancestor of the elephant. It became extinct 4,000 years ago. The idea to bring it back to life is like something from the movie Jurassic Park. Scientists will use the DNA from mammoth bones to clone the giant animal. It would be the first time since the Ice Age for a mammoth to walk on the earth. The lead scientist is a geneticist from Harvard. He is an expert in editing DNA and genes. Ben Lamm, a businessman working on the project, said: "Our goal is to have our first calves in the next four to six years."

Mr Lamm created a technology and software company and gave $15 million for this research. He said he has big plans to bring the mammoth back to life and to return it to its Arctic home. He also wants to revive other species. Mr Lamm believes the research will result in new ideas that will improve biotechnology and health care. Lamm said the project was like the Apollo missions to the moon. They led to the development of everyday products like freeze-dried food, and of technology such as GPS. Mr Lamm believes research into genes will also improve our lives.

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PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	an ancestor	a.	four to six years
2.	It became extinct	b.	giant animal
3.	clone the	c.	editing DNA
4.	the first time since	d.	of the elephant
5.	The lead scientist is	e.	on the project
6.	He is an expert in	f.	the Ice Age
7.	a businessman working	g.	a geneticist
8.	in the next	h.	4,000 years ago

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	return it to its	a.	to the moon
2.	He also wants to revive	b.	improve our lives
3.	the research will result	c.	everyday products
4.	the Apollo missions	d.	other species
5.	They led to the development of	e.	as GPS
6.	freeze-	f.	Arctic home
7.	technology such	g.	dried food
8.	research into genes will also	h.	in new ideas

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Scientists want to (1) _____ woolly mammoth - an ancestor of the elephant. (2) _____ 4,000 years ago. The idea to bring it back to life is (3) _____ the movie Jurassic Park. Scientists will use the DNA from mammoth (4) _____ the giant animal. It would be the first time since the Ice Age for a mammoth to walk on the earth. The lead scientist (5) _____ from Harvard. He is an expert in editing DNA and genes. Ben Lamm, a businessman working on the project, said: "Our goal is to (6) _____ calves in the next four to six years."

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MAMMOTHS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about mammoths in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **mammoths** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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