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Newly-discovered Amazon wasp has giant stinger

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THE READING

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Scientists have found a new wasp that could be the subject of a horror movie. It was found in the Amazon. It has a huge stinger on its tail that can inject a deadly sting into any unlucky victim. A scientist said it "looks like a fierce weapon". The stinger's venom paralyzes its victims. The wasp then lays eggs inside the victim's body. Researchers from a university in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new wasp...is not only long but also very wide, in comparison to the size of the species."

The professor explained that some wasps put larvae inside the insects they sting. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside. Researchers believe most victims of this wasp are likely to be spiders. They will do more research to find out exactly which kinds of spiders might fall prey to the wasp. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger...is very likely a highly sophisticated tool as well. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species...catch people's attention and highlight the importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-5927195/Terrifying-wasp-uses-stinger-like-fierce-weapon-lay-eggs-INSIDE-spiders-Amazon.html>
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<http://www.gizmodo.co.uk/2018/07/i-do-not-like-this-new-wasp-species-whose-giant-stinger-lays-eggs-inside-spiders/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the subject | a. any unlucky victim |
| 2. It has a huge stinger | b. research |
| 3. inject a deadly sting into | c. paralyzes its victims |
| 4. it looks like a fierce | d. to the size |
| 5. The stinger's venom | e. the victim's body |
| 6. The wasp then lays eggs inside | f. of a horror movie |
| 7. a professor in biodiversity | g. weapon |
| 8. in comparison | h. on its tail |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. put larvae inside the | a. tool |
| 2. they eat the insect | b. attention |
| 3. spiders might fall | c. from the inside |
| 4. a highly sophisticated | d. ecosystems |
| 5. we can only guess at | e. exciting species |
| 6. Beautiful and | f. insects they sting |
| 7. catch people's | g. its other purposes |
| 8. maintaining vulnerable | h. prey to the wasp |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) _____ wasp that could be the subject of a horror movie. It was found in the Amazon. It (2) _____ stinger on its tail that (3) _____ deadly sting into any unlucky victim. A scientist said it "looks like (4) _____". The stinger's venom paralyzes its victims. The wasp (5) _____ inside the victim's body. Researchers from a university in Finland discovered the wasp. A professor in biodiversity research said: "The stinger of the new wasp...is not only long but (6) _____, in comparison to the size of the species."

The professor explained that some wasps put larvae (7) _____ they sting. Once the larvae grow, they eat the insect from the inside. Researchers (8) _____ of this wasp are likely to be spiders. They will (9) _____ to find out exactly which kinds of spiders might (10) _____ the wasp. The professor explained that: "The giant stinger...is very likely a highly sophisticated (11) _____. Unfortunately, we can only guess at its other purposes." He added: "Beautiful and exciting species...catch people's attention (12) _____ importance of maintaining vulnerable ecosystems."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WASPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180711-wasp-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wasps 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) _____

