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'Cat-fox' found in France could be new species

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190622-cat-fox-2.html>

Wildlife experts have found an animal they believe is a new species. They found the "cat-fox" on the French island of Corsica. The experts said they found a group of sixteen cat-foxes in a remote area of Corsica. The captured cat-fox was nearly 90 centimeters in length from head to tail. It has very wide ears, short whiskers and a thick coat. It also has stripes on its front legs. A local government official thanked the wildlife team for finding the cat-fox. He said: "It's a wonderful discovery." He said Corsica was a "paradise of animal and plant biodiversity".

The cat-fox has been a mythical creature for decades with farmers. They tell stories about seeing it. People are happy and proud that their island is home to the new species. Scientists believe it comes from a little-known species originating in Africa and the Middle East thousands of years ago. It is a nocturnal animal. A scientist said the cat-fox could have been brought to Corsica as far back as 6500BC. Another scientist said: "By looking at its DNA, we could tell it apart from the European wildcat. It's close to the African forest cat, but its exact identity is still to be determined."

Sources: <https://www.foxnews.com/science/mysterious-cat-fox-discovered-may-be-a-new-species>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/06/19/europe/cat-fox-species-corsica-france-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190622-cat-fox-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Wildlife | a. on its front legs |
| 2. in a remote | b. discovery |
| 3. 90 centimeters in length | c. area |
| 4. short whiskers and | d. plant biodiversity |
| 5. It also has stripes | e. experts |
| 6. A local government official thanked | f. a thick coat |
| 7. It's a wonderful | g. from head to tail |
| 8. a paradise of animal and | h. the wildlife team |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a mythical | a. to the new species |
| 2. They tell stories | b. and proud |
| 3. People are happy | c. be determined |
| 4. their island is home | d. DNA |
| 5. it comes from a little- | e. creature |
| 6. as far back | f. known species |
| 7. looking at its | g. about seeing it |
| 8. its exact identity is still to | h. as 6500BC |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Wildlife experts have (1) _____ they believe is a new species. They found the "cat-fox" on the French island of Corsica. The experts said they (2) _____ of sixteen cat-foxes in a (3) _____ Corsica. The captured cat-fox was nearly 90 centimeters in length from (4) _____. It has very wide ears, short whiskers and a thick coat. It also has stripes on its front legs. A local government official thanked the (5) _____ finding the cat-fox. He said: "It's a wonderful discovery." He said Corsica was a "paradise of animal (6) _____".

The cat-fox has been (7) _____ for decades with farmers. They tell stories about seeing it. People are happy and proud that their island is home to (8) _____. Scientists believe it comes from a little-known species originating in Africa and the Middle East thousands (9) _____. It is a nocturnal animal. A scientist said the cat-fox could have been brought to Corsica (10) _____ as 6500BC. Another scientist said: "By looking at its DNA, we could tell (11) _____ the European wildcat. It's close to the African forest cat, but its exact identity is still (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CATS AND FOXES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190622-cat-fox-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cats and foxes 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) _____

