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Level 1 – 14th September, 2019

World's most electrifying eel found in Amazon

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists found a new species of electric eel in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-volt electric shock. This is eight times stronger than the electricity Americans use in their homes. American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters long and weighs 45kgs. It would give a human a bad electric shock and could kill one. The scientists wrote that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists found two new species of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is in the headlines because of its shocking power. Scientists used to believe there was only one electric eel in the world. A researcher said: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia...[suggests a] vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."

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<https://www.the-scientist.com/news-opinion/newly-described-electric-eel-has-strongest-voltage-yet-measured-66409>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Scientists found | a. electric shock |
| 2. in the | b. stronger |
| 3. give someone an 860- | c. use in their homes |
| 4. This is eight times | d. electricity generator |
| 5. electricity Americans | e. volt electric shock |
| 6. American homes need just 110 | f. Amazon |
| 7. It would give a human a bad | g. a new species |
| 8. the strongest living bio- | h. volts of electricity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The 860-volt eel is in | a. be discovered |
| 2. because of its shocking | b. in the world |
| 3. only one electric eel | c. nature |
| 4. discover a new 2.4m- | d. power |
| 5. after 250 years | e. of species |
| 6. remains to | f. of exploration |
| 7. a vast amount | g. the headlines |
| 8. discovered in | h. long fish |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists found a (1) _____ electric eel in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-(2) _____. This is eight (3) _____ the electricity Americans use in their homes. American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters (4) _____ 45kgs. It would give a (5) _____ electric shock and could kill one. The scientists wrote that the eel is "(6) _____ bio-electricity generator".

Scientists found (7) _____ of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is in the headlines (8) _____ shocking power. Scientists used to believe there was only one electric eel (9) _____. A researcher said: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish (10) _____ of exploration, can you imagine what (11) _____ discovered?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia...[suggests a] (12) _____ that remain to be discovered in nature."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELECTRIC EELS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about electric eels 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) _____

