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**Level 2** – 14th September, 2019

## World's most electrifying eel found in Amazon

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel-2.html>

Scientists discovered a new species of electric eel. It is the most shocking creature in the world. It was discovered in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-volt electric shock. This is eight times stronger than the electricity in the wall socket of an American home. Appliances in America need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters long and weighs 45kgs. It has enough power to give a human a severe electric shock. It is possible it could kill a human. The scientists wrote in a journal that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists said they actually found two new species of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is grabbing the headlines because of its power. Until these recent discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in the world. A researcher said we will find more new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, [suggests a] vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/9907129/electric-eel-discovered-scientists/>  
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<https://newatlas.com/biology/new-electric-eel-species-shocking/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the most shocking creature | a. in a journal          |
| 2. This is eight              | b. socket                |
| 3. in the wall                | c. electricity generator |
| 4. Appliances in America need | d. times stronger        |
| 5. give a human a severe      | e. kill a human          |
| 6. It is possible it could    | f. in the world          |
| 7. The scientists wrote       | g. electric shock        |
| 8. the strongest living bio-  | h. just 110 volts        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists said they actually found | a. species that remain |
| 2. The 860-                            | b. headlines           |
| 3. grabbing the                        | c. of exploration      |
| 4. Until these recent                  | d. in nature           |
| 5. after 250 years                     | e. two new species     |
| 6. one of the planet's biodiversity    | f. volt eel            |
| 7. a vast amount of                    | g. hot spots           |
| 8. be discovered                       | h. discoveries         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190914-electric-eel-2.html>

Scientists discovered (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of electric eel. It is the most (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. It was discovered in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-volt electric shock. This is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than the electricity in the wall socket of an American home. Appliances in America need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 45kgs. It has enough power to give a human a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is possible it could kill a human. The scientists wrote in a journal that the eel is "the (6) \_\_\_\_\_-electricity generator".

Scientists said they actually (7) \_\_\_\_\_ species of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because of its power. Until these recent discoveries, scientists believed there (9) \_\_\_\_\_ electric eel in the world. A researcher said we will find (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered (11) \_\_\_\_\_?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, [suggests a] (12) \_\_\_\_\_ species 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

