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Level 0 – 20th October, 2019

World's fastest ant like 580kph human

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Saharan silver ant is the world's fastest ant. It runs at 3kph. This is the ant speed of us running 580kph. The ant runs 108 times its body length every second. It makes up to 50 strides a second. An Olympic runner makes four strides a second. The ants' feet touch the ground for just seven milliseconds between strides.

The silver ant runs fast because the sand can be 60 degrees Celsius. It doesn't want to spend time on the sand. They will sink a little and slow down if they spend too long on the sand. Their speed stops their feet sinking into the soft sand. Nobody knew how fast the ants really are, and how they can run so fast.

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-7580045/Worlds-fastest-ant-hits-record-breaking-speed-TWO-miles-hour.html>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/10/17/world/record-breaking-ants-scli-intl-scn/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191020-worlds-fastest-ant-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The Saharan silver | a. length |
| 2. It runs at | b. ground |
| 3. the ant speed of us | c. runner |
| 4. body | d. between strides |
| 5. An Olympic | e. second |
| 6. four strides a | f. running 580kph |
| 7. touch the | g. ant |
| 8. just seven milliseconds | h. 3kph |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The silver ant | a. fast |
| 2. the sand can be 60 | b. time |
| 3. It doesn't want to spend | c. so fast |
| 4. sink a little and | d. on the sand |
| 5. they spend too long | e. degrees Celsius |
| 6. sinking into the | f. slow down |
| 7. Nobody knew how | g. soft sand |
| 8. how they can run | h. runs fast |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191020-worlds-fastest-ant-0.html>

The Saharan silver ant (1) _____ fastest ant. It runs at 3kph. This is the ant (2) _____ running 580kph. The ant runs 108 times (3) _____ every second. It makes (4) _____ strides a second. An Olympic runner makes four (5) _____. The ants' feet touch the (6) _____ seven milliseconds between strides.

The silver ant runs fast because (7) _____ be 60 degrees Celsius. It doesn't (8) _____ time on the sand. They will sink a little (9) _____ if they spend too long on the sand. Their speed (10) _____ sinking (11) _____ sand. Nobody knew how fast the ants really are, and how they can (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191020-worlds-fastest-ant-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ants 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) _____

