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Level 1 – 1st November, 2019

Modern humans came from Botswana

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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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The origin of humans is in Botswana. Researchers used DNA to find out where we came from. They said all our roots are in northern Botswana. Humans were there 200,000 years ago. They lived there for 70,000 years and then moved across Africa. They then moved to Europe and Asia. Professor Vanessa Hayes, from the University of Sydney, said: "We've known for a long time that modern humans originated in Africa roughly 200,000 years ago."

The researchers said we come from an area called Okavango. People there had water, hunting and farmland. Scientists looked at DNA from 200 people who live near there today. The people had a lot of DNA called L0. Professor Hayes explained why L0 is important. She said: "Every time a new migration occurs, that migration event is recorded in our [L0 and] DNA as a time-stamp.... Everyone walking around today...comes from this region."

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2019/10/29/ancestral-homeland-earliest-human-ancestors-traced-botswana-11005209/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The origin of humans | a. and Asia |
| 2. Researchers used DNA | b. Africa |
| 3. all our | c. across Africa |
| 4. and then moved | d. years ago |
| 5. They then moved to Europe | e. a long time |
| 6. We've known for | f. to find out |
| 7. humans originated in | g. roots |
| 8. roughly 200,000 | h. is in Botswana |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. we come from an area | a. walking around today |
| 2. Scientists looked at | b. called L0 |
| 3. people had a lot of DNA | c. this region |
| 4. Every time a new | d. called Okavango |
| 5. that migration event is | e. stamp |
| 6. DNA as a time- | f. DNA from 200 people |
| 7. Everyone | g. recorded |
| 8. comes from | h. migration occurs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The origin (1) _____ in Botswana. Researchers used DNA to (2) _____ we came from. They said all our roots (3) _____ Botswana. Humans were there 200,000 years ago. They lived there for 70,000 years and (4) _____ Africa. They then moved to Europe and Asia. Professor Vanessa Hayes, from the University of Sydney, said: "We've known for (5) _____ that modern humans originated (6) _____ 200,000 years ago."

The researchers said we come (7) _____ called Okavango. People (8) _____, hunting and farmland. Scientists looked (9) _____ 200 people who live near there today. The people (10) _____ of DNA called L0. Professor Hayes explained why L0 is important. She said: "Every time (11) _____ occurs, that migration event is recorded in our [L0 and] DNA as a time-stamp.... Everyone (12) _____...comes from this region."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OUR HOMELAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191101-homeland-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about our homeland 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) _____

