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Scientists find animal with biggest ears

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears-1.html>

What animal has the biggest ears? We know it's the elephant. However, scientists looked at what animal has the biggest ears for its body size. A natural history museum in New York found the answer to this. It is the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute animal. It is a rodent and lives in the deserts of China. It is nocturnal. This means it is active at night and sleeps during the day.

A zoologist described the jerboa. She said its body is 10 centimetres long. Its ears are up to 5cm long. They are up to 50 per cent as long as its body. Elephant's ears are 17 per cent of its body length. The zoologist said jerboas usually live in very hot places. Their large ears help them to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are thin and have many tiny blood vessels. Blood releases heat from the body. This helps the animal cool down.

Sources: <https://www.livescience.com/largest-animal-ears-relative-to-body-size.html>
<https://www.bollyinside.com/news/which-animal-has-the-biggest-ears/>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/biggest-ears-elephants-jerboa-bats>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. We know it's | a. know about this |
| 2. the biggest ears for | b. museum |
| 3. A natural history | c. eared jerboa |
| 4. found the answer | d. its body size |
| 5. It is the long- | e. rodent |
| 6. Not many people | f. the elephant |
| 7. It is a | g. during the day |
| 8. it is active at night and sleeps | h. to this |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A zoologist described | a. its body |
| 2. its body is 10 | b. from the body |
| 3. Its ears are up | c. centimetres long |
| 4. as long as | d. very hot places |
| 5. 17 per cent of its | e. the jerboa |
| 6. jerboas usually live in | f. cool in the heat |
| 7. help them to keep | g. to 5cm long |
| 8. Blood releases heat | h. body length |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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What (1) _____ biggest ears? We know it's the elephant. However, scientists (2) _____ animal has the biggest ears for (3) _____. A natural history museum in New York found (4) _____ this. It is the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute animal. It (5) _____ and lives in the deserts of China. It is nocturnal. This means it is active at night and sleeps (6) _____.

A zoologist described the jerboa. She (7) _____ is 10 centimetres long. Its (8) _____ to 5cm long. They are up to 50 per cent as long as its body. Elephant's ears are 17 per cent of (9) _____. The zoologist said jerboas usually live in very hot places. Their (10) _____ them to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are thin and have (11) _____ vessels. Blood releases heat from the body. This helps the (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ears 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) _____

