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Scientists find animal with biggest ears

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Have you ever thought what animal has the biggest ears? We all know it's the elephant. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for its body size. The elephant has big ears but it also has a big body. Zoologists from a natural history museum in New York have found out which animal has the biggest ears for its body size. It is the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute creature. It is a rodent and lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is nocturnal, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the day.

A zoologist described the jerboa. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres. Its ears are 3.8 to 5cm long. They are 40 to 50 per cent as long as its body. Elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. The zoologist said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the entire animal kingdom." She 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 into the air. 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 all know it's | a. the biggest ears |
| 2. what animal has | b. creature |
| 3. Zoologists from a natural | c. of China |
| 4. the biggest ears | d. at night |
| 5. this cute | e. rodent |
| 6. It is a | f. history museum |
| 7. lives in the deserts | g. the elephant |
| 8. it is active | h. for its body size |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. its body measures | a. vessels |
| 2. 50 per cent as long | b. very hot places |
| 3. the entire animal | c. down |
| 4. live in | d. as its body |
| 5. help them to keep | e. from the body |
| 6. many tiny blood | f. kingdom |
| 7. Blood releases heat | g. cool |
| 8. This helps the animal cool | h. about 10 centimetres |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Have you ever (1) _____ has the biggest ears? We all know it's the elephant. However, (2) _____ at what animal has the biggest ears for (3) _____. The elephant has big ears but it also has a big body. Zoologists from a natural (4) _____ New York have found out which animal has the biggest ears for its body size. It is the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know (5) _____ creature. It is a rodent and lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is nocturnal, which means it is (6) _____ and sleeps during the day.

A zoologist described the jerboa. She said (7) _____ about 10 centimetres. Its ears are 3.8 to 5cm long. They are 40 to 50 per cent as long (8) _____. Elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. The zoologist said: "The jerboa (9) _____ ears for the size of its body in the entire animal kingdom." She said jerboas (10) _____ very hot places. Their large ears help them to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are thin and have many (11) _____. Blood releases heat from the body into the air. This helps the (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EARS SURVEY

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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) _____

