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Level 4 – 17th January, 2022

Researchers find world's largest fish breeding ground

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220116-antarctic-icefish-4.html>

Scientists made a big discovery in Antarctica - the world's largest fish breeding ground. Researchers from a marine research institute found the fish while mapping the seabed. They discovered schools of around 60 million icefish breeding in an area 240 square kilometers in size. The researchers had been filming the seabed for months. One said the idea that a huge breeding area of icefish in the sea was previously undiscovered "is totally fascinating".

The researchers want the area to be a Marine Protected Area to preserve the unique habitat. They want to keep the waters pristine. A recent study found that fishing boats in Antarctica are bringing millions of species from all around the globe. These are threatening the area's fragile eco-systems. Another researcher said the remoteness and sea-ice in Antarctica have protected it, but we should "be much more ambitious with marine conservation".

Sources: <https://scitechdaily.com/spectacular-discovery-in-antarctica-massive-icefish-breeding-colony-with-60-million-nests/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Scientists made a big | a. seabed |
| 2. fish breeding | b. undiscovered |
| 3. a marine research | c. months |
| 4. while mapping the | d. ground |
| 5. an area 240 square kilometers | e. discovery |
| 6. filming the seabed for | f. institute |
| 7. previously | g. fascinating |
| 8. totally | h. in size |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a Marine Protected | a. in Antarctica |
| 2. preserve the unique | b. conservation |
| 3. keep the waters | c. systems |
| 4. fishing boats | d. ambitious |
| 5. species from all | e. pristine |
| 6. the area's fragile eco- | f. Area |
| 7. we should be much more | g. around the globe |
| 8. marine | h. habitat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists made (1) _____ in Antarctica - the world's largest fish breeding ground. Researchers (2) _____ research institute found the fish while (3) _____. They discovered schools of around 60 million icefish (4) _____ area 240 square kilometers in size. The researchers had been filming the seabed for months. One said (5) _____ a huge breeding area of icefish in the sea was previously undiscovered "(6) _____".

The researchers want the area to be a Marine Protected Area (7) _____ unique habitat. They want to keep the waters pristine. A recent study (8) _____ boats in Antarctica are bringing (9) _____ from all around the globe. These are threatening (10) _____ eco-systems. Another researcher (11) _____ and sea-ice in Antarctica have protected it, but we should "be much (12) _____ marine conservation".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANTARCTICA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Antarctica 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) _____

