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Level 0 – 13th November 2025

New 'Lucifer' bee with devil-like horns found

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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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A scientist found a new bee species in Australia. It has horns on its head. It was named *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is a name for the Devil. The scientist said: "These horns are very...devilish. I wanted to call it a devil-like name." Lucifer means "light bringer". The scientist wants to bring light to conservation issues.

Australia has 2,000 species of bees. The scientist said there are many bee species we do not know about. The Lucifer bee is the first of its kind to be found in 20 years. The scientist is worried that the new bee could be in danger. This is because of habitat loss. Climate change is also a danger.

Sources: <https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/animals/megachili-hackeriapis-lucifer-new-bee-species-discovered-near-bremer-range-region-c-20631937>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A scientist found a new | a. devilish |
| 2. It has horns | b. "light bringer" |
| 3. "Lucifer" is a name | c. bee species |
| 4. These horns are very | d. issues |
| 5. I wanted to call it a devil- | e. for the Devil |
| 6. Lucifer means | f. bring light |
| 7. The scientist wants to | g. on its head |
| 8. conservation | h. like name |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Australia has 2,000 | a. in danger |
| 2. there are many bee | b. its kind |
| 3. we do not | c. a danger |
| 4. the first of | d. species |
| 5. The scientist is | e. loss |
| 6. the new bee could be | f. know |
| 7. This is because of habitat | g. species of bees |
| 8. Climate change is also | h. worried |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A scientist (1) _____ bee species in Australia. It has horns (2) _____. It was named *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is (3) _____ the Devil. The scientist said: "These horns (4) _____. I wanted to call it a devil-like name." Lucifer (5) _____. The scientist wants to (6) _____ conservation issues.

Australia (7) _____ of bees. The scientist said there are many bee species we do (8) _____. The Lucifer bee (9) _____ of its kind (10) _____ in 20 years. The scientist is worried that the new bee could be in danger. This (11) _____ habitat loss. Climate change is (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEES

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Write five GOOD questions about bees 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **bees** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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