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Level 1 – 13th November 2025

New 'Lucifer' bee with devil-like horns found

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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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A scientist, Dr Kit Prendergast, found a new bee species. It has tiny horns on its head. Dr Prendergast named the bee *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is a name for the Devil. She gave the bee its name because of its horns. She said: "These horns are very...devilish. I wanted to call it a devil-like name." She added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer' in Latin. She wants to bring light to issues around conservation and saving bees.

Australia has 2,000 species of bees. The new bee is one of hundreds that have not been found. Prendergast said there are many bee species we do not know about. The Lucifer bee is the first new kind of its bee group to be found in 20 years. Prendergast said there was a lot of "life we still have to discover". She is worried that the new bee "could be at risk". This is because of a loss of habitat and "threatening" events like climate change.

Sources: <https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/animals/megachili-hackeriapis-lucifer-new-bee-species-discovered-near-bremer-range-region-c-20631937>
<https://au.news.yahoo.com/discovered-australian-native-bee-still-190930895.html>
<https://phys.org/news/2025-11-devilishly-distinctive-bee-species-western.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Prendergast found | a. bringer' in Latin |
| 2. It has tiny | b. because of its horns |
| 3. She gave the bee its name | c. saving bees |
| 4. These horns are very | d. a new bee species |
| 5. I wanted to call it a devil- | e. devilish |
| 6. Lucifer means 'light | f. to issues |
| 7. bring light | g. like name |
| 8. conservation and | h. horns on its head |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Australia has 2,000 | a. be at risk |
| 2. The new bee is one | b. like climate change |
| 3. the first new kind of its | c. of life |
| 4. there was a lot | d. of hundreds |
| 5. She is | e. loss of habitat |
| 6. the new bee could | f. bee group |
| 7. This is because of a | g. worried |
| 8. "threatening" events | h. species of bees |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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bee species. It has (2) _____ its head. Dr
Prendergast named the bee *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is a name
for the Devil. She gave the (3) _____
because of its horns. She said: "These horns are very...devilish. I
wanted to (4) _____ devil-like name." She
added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer' in Latin. She
(5) _____ light to issues around
conservation (6) _____.

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found. Prendergast said there are many bee species we do
(8) _____. The Lucifer bee is the first new
kind of its bee group (9) _____ in 20 years.
Prendergast said there was a lot of "life we still
(10) _____. She is worried that the new bee
"could (11) _____. This is because of a loss
of habitat and "threatening" events
(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEES SURVEY

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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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