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New 'Lucifer' bee with devil-like horns found

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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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A scientist discovered a new bee species. It has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is a bee ecologist. Her name is Dr Kit Prendergast. She named the bee *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is another name for the Devil. Dr Prendergast found the bee while she was studying an endangered flower in Australia. 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. I want to bring light to issues around the lack of conservation of native bees."

Australia has more than 2,000 species of bees. The new bee is one of hundreds in the country that have not been named. Prendergast said there are many bee species in Australia that we do not know about. She said: "We don't know their distribution or where they nest." The Lucifer bee is the first new kind of its bee group to be found in over 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 from habitat disturbance" and other "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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A scientist discovered | a. <i>Megachile lucifer</i> |
| 2. It has tiny | b. devilish |
| 3. The scientist is a bee | c. horns on its head |
| 4. She named the bee | d. for the Devil |
| 5. "Lucifer" is another name | e. of conservation |
| 6. an endangered | f. a new bee species |
| 7. These horns are very | g. flower |
| 8. the lack | h. ecologist |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Australia has more than 2,000 | a. discover |
| 2. The new bee is one of | b. at risk |
| 3. there are many bee | c. nest |
| 4. where they | d. climate change |
| 5. life we still have to | e. hundreds |
| 6. habitat | f. species of bees |
| 7. the new bee could be | g. disturbance |
| 8. events like | h. species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A scientist (1) _____ bee species. It has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is (2) _____. Her name is Dr Kit Prendergast. She named the bee *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is (3) _____ the Devil. Dr Prendergast found the bee while she was studying an endangered flower in Australia. She gave the bee its name because (4) _____. She said: "These horns are very...devilish. I wanted to call it a devil-like name." She added: "Lucifer (5) _____ in Latin. I want to bring light to issues around the (6) _____ of native bees."

Australia has more than 2,000 species of bees. The new bee is (7) _____ in the country that have not been named. Prendergast said there are many bee species in Australia that we do (8) _____. She said: "We don't know their distribution or (9) _____." The Lucifer bee is the first new kind of its bee group to be found in over 20 years. Prendergast said there was a (10) _____ we still have to discover". She is worried that the new bee "could (11) _____ from habitat disturbance" and other "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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