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### New 'Lucifer' bee with devil-like horns found

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#### THE ARTICLE

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html</a>

A scientist has discovered a new species of bee in Australia. The bee has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is bee ecologist Dr Kit Prendergast. She gave the bee the Latin name *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is another name for the Devil. Dr Prendergast found the bee while she was doing a survey of an endangered wildflower in the city of Perth, Western Australia. She told the "Perth Now" news agency that she gave the bee its name because of its horns. She said: "These horns are very distinct and devilish. I wanted to call it a devil-like name and so I decided on Lucifer." She added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer' in Latin. I want to bring light to issues around the lack of conservation of native bees."

Australia is home to more than 2,000 species of native bees. The newly-described bee is one of hundreds in the country that have not been named. Dr Prendergast said: "[There are] many native bees that have evolved in Australia. We don't even know the names of them. They haven't been described. We don't know their distribution or where they nest." The Lucifer bee is "the first new member of this bee group to be described in more than 20 years". She added that there is a lot of "life we still have to discover". Prendergast is worried that the endangered wildflower and the new bee "could be at risk from habitat disturbance and other threatening processes like climate change".

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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

#### **WARM-UPS**

- **1. BEES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bees. Change partners often and share your findings.
- **2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientist / species / bees / horns / ecologist / endangered / wildflower / conservation / Australia / home / distribution / life / at risk / habitat / threatening / climate change

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

- **3. FEEDING BEES:** Students A **strongly** believe we should all leave food for bees outside our house; Students B **strongly** believe that isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. ENDANGERED SPECIES:** What do you know about these endangered species? How can we help them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How We Can Help Them
African elephants		
Arctic foxes		
Blue whales		
Bumble bee		
King cobra		
Kakapo		

- **5. HORN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "horn". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. USEFUL INSECTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful insects at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.
  - Bees
  - Worms
  - Grasshoppers
  - Butterflies

- Ladybugs/Ladybirds
- Ants
- Dragonflies
- · Praying mantis

#### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

- 1. tiny a. Not having enough of something you need.
- 2. species b. Very, very small.
- 3. horns c. Look at and check something carefully.
- 4. ecologist d. A group of animals or plants that are the same.
- 5. survey e. A person who studies nature and living things.
- 6. distinct f. Hard, pointed parts that grow on the heads of some animals.
- 7. lack 9. Easy to see as different.

#### Paragraph 2

- 8. native h. Being from a place originally.
- 9. evolved i. The place where an animal or plant lives.
- 10. distribution j. Changed slowly over a long time.
- 11. nest k. In danger of disappearing forever.
- 12. discover |. Where things or animals are found.
- 13. endangered m. Make a home to lay eggs and raise young.
- 14. habitat n. Find something for the first time.

## **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html</a>

#### **1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- 1. A new bee species has been found in Austria. T/F
- 2. The article says 'Lucifer' is another name for a ghost. **T/F**
- 3. A scientist discovered the bee when she was studying endangered frogs. T / F
- 4. The scientist said there is a lack of conservation efforts with native bees. T / F
- 5. There are more than 2,000 bee species in Australia. **T / F**
- 6. The scientist said there are about a dozen more bee species to find. T/F
- 7. A bee like Lucifer hadn't been found in the past 20 years. **T/F**
- 8. The scientist is worried about the future of a wildflower. **T/F**

#### **2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- 1. discovered
- 2. tiny
- 3. endangered
- 4. distinct
- 5. conservation
- 6. species
- 7. evolved
- 8. worried
- 9. habitat
- 10. threatening

- a. types
- b. at risk
- c. preservation
- d. scary
- e. found
- f. developed
- g. concerned
- h. natural environment
- i. very small
- j. recognizable

#### **3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. A scientist has discovered
- 2. The bee has tiny
- 3. doing a survey of an endangered
- 4. she gave the bee its name because
- 5. the lack of conservation
- 6. Australia is home to
- 7. The newly-described bee is one of
- 8. where they
- 9. the new bee could be
- 10. threatening processes like

- a. more than 2,000 species
- b. of its horns
- c. climate change
- d. a new species of bee
- e. nest
- f. of native bees
- g. horns on its head
- h. at risk
- i. wildflower
- j. hundreds in the country

## **GAP FILL**

A scientist has (1) a new species of bee in	survey
Australia. The bee has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is bee	ecologist
(2) Dr Kit Prendergast. She gave the bee	decided
the Latin name <i>Megachile lucifer</i> . "Lucifer" is	
name for the Devil. Dr Prendergast	agency
found the bee while she was doing a (4) of	lack
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are very distinct and devilish. I wanted	horns
to call it a devil-like name and so I (7) on	
Lucifer." She added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer' in Latin. I want	
to bring light to issues around the (8) of	
conservation of native bees."	
Australia is home to more than 2,000 species of	nest
(9) bees. The newly-described bee is one	habitat
of hundreds in the country that have not been	
(10) Dr Prendergast said: "[There are]	member
many native bees that have (11) in	named
Australia. We don't even know the names of them. They haven't	endangered
been described. We don't know their distribution or where they	native
." The Lucifer bee is "the first new	
of this bee group to be described in	evolved
more than 20 years". She added that there is a lot of	life
"(14) we still have to discover".	
Prendergast is worried that the (15)	
wildflower and the new bee "could be at risk from	
(16) disturbance and other threatening	

## **LISTENING** — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)	A scientist has discovered a new a. specials of bee
	b. specimens of bee
	<ul><li>c. spec of bee</li><li>d. species of bee</li></ul>
2)	She told the "Perth Now" news agency that she gave the bee its name because
	a. of its horns
	<ul><li>b. of their horns</li><li>c. of it's horns</li></ul>
	d. of it horns
3)	I wanted to call it a devil-like name and so I
	a. decided in Lucifer
	<ul><li>b. decided on Lucifer</li><li>c. decided an Lucifer</li></ul>
	d. decided un-Lucifer
4)	She added: "Lucifer means 'light
	a. bringer' at Latin
	<ul><li>b. bringer' on Latin</li><li>c. bringer' in Latin</li></ul>
	d. bringer' ring Latin
5)	I want to bring light to issues around the lack of conservation
	<ul><li>a. off native bee</li><li>b. off native bees</li></ul>
	c. of native bees
	d. of native bees
6)	The newly-described bee is one of hundreds in the country that have
	<ul><li>a. not been named</li><li>b. not been names</li></ul>
	c. not been name
	d. not be named
7)	There are many native bees that have
	<ul><li>a. evolve in Australia</li><li>b. evolved in Australia</li></ul>
	c. evolve din Australia
	d. evolved din Australia
8)	We don't know their distribution or
	<ul><li>a. where they nest</li><li>b. where they pest</li></ul>
	c. where they next
	d. where they best
9)	She added that there is a lot of life we still  a. have too discover
	b. have to discover
	c. have to discovery
	d. have to discovers
10	<ul> <li>Prendergast is worried that the endangered wildflower and the new bee could</li> <li>a. be at risqué</li> </ul>
	b. be at risks
	c. be at risky
	d. be at risk

## **LISTENING** – Listen and fill in the gaps

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## **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1.	How big are the horns on the bee's head?
2.	What kind of scientist is Dr Kit Prendergast?
3.	What was Dr Prendergast surveying when she found the bee?
4.	Where was the bee found?
5.	What issues does Dr Prendergast want to bring to light?
6.	How many native bee species are there in Australia?
7.	When was the last time a bee like Lucifer was found?
8.	What did Dr Prendergast say we still have to discover?
9.	What could be at risk from habitat disturbance besides the bee?
10.	What process might also threaten the bee?

## **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

- 1) How big are the horns on the bee's head?
- \*a) They are tiny.
- b) They are as big as its head.
- c) They are pretty big.
- d) They are 5mm long.
- 2) What kind of scientist is Dr Kit Prendergast?
- a) a botanist
- b) a chemical engineer
- \*c) a bee ecologist
- d) a zoologist
- 3) What was Dr Prendergast surveying when she found the bee?
- a) ants
- \*b) a wildflower
- c) beehives
- d) climate change
- 4) Where was the bee found?
- a) Cairns, Queensland
- b) Adelaide, South Australia
- c) Sydney, New South Wales
- \*d) Perth, Western Australia
- 5) What issue does Dr Prendergast want to bring to light?
- \*a) the lack of conservation of native bees
- b) the importance of honey
- c) the damage done by construction
- d) the effects of darkness on bees

- 6) How many native bee species are there in Australia?
- a) around 2,000
- b) just fewer than 2,000
- c) exactly 2,000
- \*d) more than 2,000
- 7) When was the last time a bee like Lucifer was found?
- a) a decade ago
- \*b) more than 20 years ago
- c) last year
- d) more than 100 years ago
- 8) What did Dr Prendergast say we still have to discover?
- a) how bees communicate
- b) more insects
- c) what food bees like
- \*d) a lot of life
- 9) What could be at risk from habitat disturbance besides the bee?
- a) ants
- b) a friendly snake
- \*c) a wildflower
- d) water
- 10) What process might also threaten the bee?
- a) the formation of dew
- \*b) climate change
- c) ocean circulation
- d) photosynthesis

#### **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – Bees

You think bees are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their insects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): worms, ants or butterflies.

#### Role B - Worms

You think worms are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their insects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): bees, ants or butterflies.

#### Role C - Ants

You think ants are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their insects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): worms, bees or butterflies.

#### **Role D - Butterflies**

You think butterflies are the most useful insects. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their insects. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): worms, ants or bees.

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'bee' and 'species'.

bee	species

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
  - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
  - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• tiny	• 2,000
• gave	<ul> <li>hundreds</li> </ul>
• survey	• know
• news	• nest
• call	• life
• light	• risk

#### **BEES SURVEY**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html</a>

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.

#### **BEES DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'bee'?
- 3. What do you think of news bee species being discovered?
- 4. Why are there still many species that have not been discovered?
- 5. What do you think of the bee's name?
- 6. What do you think the job of a bee ecologist is like?
- 7. How important are bees?
- 8. What insects are more important than bees?
- 9. What can we do to help bees?
- 10. What advice do you have for Dr Prendergast?

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### **BEES DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'species'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of Australia having 2,000 species of bees?
- 15. What do you know about where bees live?
- 16. Have you ever been stung by a bee?
- 17. What do you think of bees being at risk?
- 18. What do we need bees for?
- 19. Are you as busy as a bee?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask Dr Prendergast?

## **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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## **LANGUAGE - CLOZE**

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wildfl	ower	and the new b	ee "c	could be (11) _	r	isk from habit	at dis	sturbance and
other	thre	atening process	es (12	) climate	chan	ge".		
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			. ,	-		ecological	` '	
2.	(a)	ecology	(b)	ecologist	(c)	ecological other	(d)	ecolodge
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#### **SPELLING**

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#### Paragraph 1

- 1. discovered a new sceseip of bee
- 2. bee liestocgo
- 3. an <u>nnegdadeer</u> wildflower
- 4. These horns are very ciistdtn and devilish
- 5. the lack of onrctonsieva
- 6. <u>tnieav</u> bees

### Paragraph 2

- 7. one of <u>nersdduh</u>
- 8. <u>eolvedv</u> in Australia
- 9. We don't know their ttbriuisdion
- 10. bee group to be esdrdiceb
- 11. be at risk from atihatb disturbance
- 12. mletaic change

## **PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251113-lucifer-bee.html</a>

#### Number these lines in the correct order.

(	1 )	A scientist has discovered a new species of bee in Australia. The bee has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is bee
(	)	Australia is home to more than 2,000 species of native bees. The newly-described bee is one of
(	)	bees that have evolved in Australia. We don't even know the names of them. They haven't been
(	)	call it a devil-like name and so I decided on Lucifer." She added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer'
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#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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- 1. scientist A discovered has new a species bee .
- 2. The has bee horns tiny its on head .
- 3. was She a doing of survey wildflower a .
- 4. She these said are horns distinct very .
- 5. I to want light bring issues to .
- 6. Australia home is 2,000 to species bees of .
- 7. We even don't the know of names them .
- 8. first The member new this of group bee .
- 9. Lots life of still we to have discover .
- 10. new The could bee at be risk .

## **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

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A scientist has discovered a new *specials / species* of bee in Australia. The bee has tiny horns on its head. The scientist is bee *ecology / ecologist* Dr Kit Prendergast. She gave the bee the *Latin / Late* name *Megachile lucifer*. "Lucifer" is another name for the Devil. Dr Prendergast found the bee while she was doing *a / the* survey of an endangered wildflower *at / in* the city of Perth, Western Australia. She *said / told* the "Perth Now" news agency that she gave the bee its name because of *its / their* horns. She said: "These horns are very distinct and devilish. I wanted to call it a devil-like name and so I decided *on / in* Lucifer." She added: "Lucifer means 'light bringer' in Latin. I want to bring *alight / light* to issues around the *lack / slack* of conservation of native bees."

Australia is *home / house* to more than 2,000 species of native bees. The newly-described bee is one of *hundreds / hundred* in the country that have not been *name / named*. Dr Prendergast said: "[There are] many native bees that have *revolved / evolved* in Australia. We don't even know the names of *it / them*. They haven't been described. We don't know their distribution or where they *best / nest*." The Lucifer bee is "the first new member of this bee group to *be / is* described in more than 20 years". She added that there is a lot of "*life / live* we still have to discover". Prendergast is worried that the endangered wildflower and the new bee "could be at *risk / risky* from habitat disturbance and other threatening *process / processes* like climate change".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

## **INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)**

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\_ sc\_\_nt\_st h\_s d\_sc\_v\_r\_d \_ n\_w sp\_c\_\_s \_f b\_\_ \_n \_\_str\_l\_\_. Th\_ b\_\_ h\_s t\_ny h\_rns \_n \_ts h\_\_d. Th\_ sc\_\_nt\_st \_s b\_\_ \_c\_l\_g\_st Dr K\_t Pr\_nd\_rg\_st. Sh\_  $g\_v\_ \quad th\_ \quad b\_\_ \quad th\_ \quad L\_t\_n \quad n\_m\_ \quad M\_g\_ch\_l\_ \quad l\_c\_f\_r.$  $"L\_c\_f\_r" \quad \_s \quad \_n\_th\_r \quad n\_m\_ \quad f\_r \quad th\_ \quad D\_v\_l. \quad Dr$ Pr\_nd\_rg\_st f\_\_nd th\_ b\_\_ wh\_I\_ sh\_ w\_s d\_\_ng \_ s\_rv\_y \_f \_n \_nd\_ng\_r\_d w\_ldfl\_w\_r \_n th\_ c\_ty \_f P\_rth, W\_st\_rn \_\_str\_l\_\_. Sh\_ t\_ld th\_ "P\_rth N\_w" n\_ws \_g\_ncy th\_t sh\_ g\_v\_ th\_ b\_\_ \_ts n\_m\_ b\_c\_\_s\_ \_f \_ts h\_rns. Sh\_ s\_\_d: "Th\_s\_ h\_rns \_r\_ v\_ry  $d_st_nct_nd_v_l_sh._w_nt_d_t_c_ll_t_d_v_l$  $l_k = n_m = nd s = d_c = d_d = n L_c = f_r$ . Sh  $= dd_d$ : "L\_c\_f\_r m\_\_ns 'l\_ght br\_ng\_r' \_n L\_t\_n. \_ w\_nt t\_ br\_ng l\_ght t\_ \_ss\_\_s \_r\_\_nd th\_ l\_ck \_f c\_ns\_rv\_t\_\_n \_f n\_t\_v\_ b\_\_s."  $\_\_str\_l\_\_\_s$  h $\_m\_\_$  t $\_$  m $\_r\_\_$  th $\_n$  2,000 sp $\_c\_\_s$   $\_f$ n\_t\_v\_ b\_\_s. Th\_ n\_wly-d\_scr\_b\_d b\_\_ \_s \_n\_ \_f h\_ndr\_ds \_n th\_ c\_\_ntry th\_t h\_v\_ n\_t b\_\_n n\_m\_d. Dr Pr\_nd\_rg\_st s\_\_d: "[Th\_r\_ \_r\_] m\_ny n\_t\_v\_ b\_\_s  $th\_t \quad h\_v\_ \quad \_v\_lv\_d \quad \_n \quad \_\_str\_l\_\_. \quad W\_ \quad d\_n't \quad \_v\_n \quad kn\_w$ th\_ n\_m\_s \_f th\_m. Th\_y h\_v\_n't b\_\_n d\_scr\_b\_d. W\_ d\_n't kn\_w th\_\_r d\_str\_b\_t\_n \_r wh\_r\_ th\_y n\_st." Th\_ L\_c\_f\_r b\_\_ \_s "th\_ f\_rst n\_w m\_mb\_r \_f th\_s b\_\_ gr\_\_p t\_ b\_ d\_scr\_b\_d \_n m\_r\_ th\_n 20 y\_\_rs".  $Sh\_ dd\_d th\_t th\_r\_ s\_ l\_t _f "l\_f\_ w\_ st\_ll h\_v\_$ t\_ d\_sc\_v\_r". Pr\_nd\_rg\_st \_s w\_rr\_\_d th\_t th\_ \_nd\_ng\_r\_d w\_ldfl\_w\_r \_nd th\_ n\_w b\_\_ "c\_\_ld b\_ \_t r\_sk fr\_m h\_b\_t\_t d\_st\_rb\_nc\_ \_nd \_th\_r thr\_\_t\_n\_ng pr\_c\_ss\_s l\_k\_ cl\_m\_t\_ ch\_ng\_".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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## **FREE WRITING**

Write about <b>bees</b> for 1	10 minutes. Comm	nent on your partne	r's paper.

## **ACADEMIC WRITING**

Bees are the most important insect. Discuss.				

#### **HOMEWORK**

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. BEES:** Make a poster about bees. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. BEE HELP:** Write a magazine article about how we can all help bees to save them. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on bees. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on bees. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### **ANSWERS**

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

1. b 2. d 3. 4. e 5. С 6. 7. 8. h 9. 10. 11. 13. 14. 1 12. k m n

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

#### **SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)**

1.	е	2.	i	3.	b	4.	j	5.	С
6.	а	7.	f	8.	g	9.	h	10.	d

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)**

#### **WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)**

1.	They are tiny.	1.	A scientist has discovered a new bee species.
2.	A bee ecologist	2.	The bee has tiny horns on its head.
3.	A wildflower	3.	She was doing a survey of a wildflower.
4.	In Perth, Western Australia	4.	She said these horns are very distinct.
5.	The lack of conservation of native	5.	I want to bring light to issues.
	bees		
6.	More than 2,000	6.	Australia is home to 2,000 species of bees.
7.	More than 20 years ago	7.	We don't even know the names of them.
8.	A lot of life	8.	The first new member of this bee group.
9.	A wildflower	9.	Lots of life we still have to discover.
10.	Climate change	10.	The new bee could be at risk.

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)**

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

#### **ALL OTHER EXERCISES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)