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Level 4 – 20th July 2026

New species of monkey found in Congo rainforest

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

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THE READING

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Scientists are continuing to find new species. The latest discovery is a monkey with orange lips and a roaring call. The monkey was found in a rainforest in Congo. It is just the fifth new species of African monkey to be found in 75 years. Locals call the monkey Likweli. Scientists gave it the scientific name *Colobus congoensis*. An anthropologist said the discovery was "a scientific triumph" and a reminder "that some of Earth's rarest creatures may vanish".

Anthropologists said the monkey has a glossy coat, long fur, a long tail, and stunning facial markings. They said it has "distinctive skull, dental, and skeletal characteristics". These make it different to other known colobus monkeys. The study co-author agreed. He said he went to museums to analyze skulls, pelts, and skeletons from known African colobus monkeys. He said his research allowed his team to show that the Likweli was a distinct species.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists are continuing | a. name |
| 2. The latest discovery is | b. vanish |
| 3. a roaring | c. species |
| 4. The monkey was found in a | d. triumph |
| 5. It is just the fifth new | e. call |
| 6. Scientists gave it the scientific | f. to find new species |
| 7. the discovery was a scientific | g. rainforest in Congo |
| 8. Earth's rarest creatures may | h. a monkey |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. the monkey has a glossy | a. agreed |
| 2. stunning facial | b. characteristics |
| 3. distinctive skull, dental, and skeletal | c. and skeletons |
| 4. different to other known | d. species |
| 5. The study co-author | e. coat |
| 6. he went to | f. colobus monkeys |
| 7. analyze skulls, pelts, | g. museums |
| 8. the Likweli was a distinct | h. markings |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists are continuing to (1) _____. The latest discovery is a monkey with orange lips and (2) _____. The monkey was found in a rainforest in Congo. It is just the (3) _____ of African monkey to be found in 75 years. (4) _____ monkey Likweli. Scientists gave it the scientific name *Colobus congoensis*. An anthropologist said the discovery was "(5) _____" and a reminder "that some of Earth's rarest (6) _____".

Anthropologists said the monkey has (7) _____, long fur, a long tail, and (8) _____. They said it has "distinctive skull, (9) _____ characteristics". These make it different to other known colobus monkeys. The study co-author agreed. He said he went to museums (10) _____, pelts, and (11) _____ African colobus monkeys. He said his research allowed his team to show that the Likweli was (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MONKEYS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about monkeys 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 **monkeys** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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