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New species of monkey found in Congo rainforest

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Despite centuries of exploration, scientists continue to find new species. The latest discovery is a monkey with distinctive orange lips and a deep roaring call. The monkey was found in a rainforest in the Democratic Republic of 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 "both a scientific triumph and a sobering reminder that some of Earth's rarest creatures may vanish before the world even knows they exist".

Anthropologists say it is a different type of monkey. It has a glossy coat, long fur, and a long tail. It also has stunning facial markings. Researchers said the Likweli has "distinctive skull, dental, and skeletal characteristics". These distinguish it from other known colobus monkeys. Study co-author Professor Christopher Gilbert agreed. He said his team went to museums to analyze skulls, pelts, and skeletal anatomy from known African colobus monkeys. He said: "Those comparisons allowed us to demonstrate conclusively that *Colobus congoensis* represents a distinct species."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Despite centuries | a. a monkey |
| 2. scientists continue to | b. may vanish |
| 3. The latest discovery is | c. in a rainforest |
| 4. a deep roaring | d. find new species |
| 5. The monkey was found | e. species |
| 6. It is just the fifth new | f. of exploration |
| 7. a scientific | g. call |
| 8. Earth's rarest creatures | h. triumph |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. it is a different type | a. characteristics |
| 2. It has a glossy | b. conclusively |
| 3. It also has stunning facial | c. coat |
| 4. distinctive skull, dental, and skeletal | d. anatomy |
| 5. He said his team went | e. distinct species |
| 6. analyze skulls, pelts, and skeletal | f. of monkey |
| 7. demonstrate | g. to museums |
| 8. <i>Colobus congoensis</i> represents a | h. markings |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Despite (1) _____, scientists continue to find new species. The latest discovery is a monkey with distinctive orange lips and a (2) _____. The monkey was found in a rainforest in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is just the (3) _____ of African monkey to be found in 75 years. Locals call the monkey Likweli. Scientists gave it (4) _____ Colobus congoensis. An anthropologist said the discovery was "both (5) _____ and a sobering reminder that some of Earth's rarest creatures may vanish before the world even (6) _____".

Anthropologists say it is a different type of monkey. It has (7) _____, long fur, and a long tail. It also has (8) _____. Researchers said the Likweli has "distinctive skull, dental, and skeletal characteristics". These (9) _____ other known colobus monkeys. Study co-author Professor Christopher Gilbert agreed. He said his team went to museums (10) _____, pelts, and skeletal anatomy from known African colobus monkeys. He said: "Those comparisons (11) _____ demonstrate conclusively that Colobus congoensis represents (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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