

# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210309-animal-ears-0.html>

We all know elephants have the biggest ears. However, scientists tried to find which animal has the biggest ears for its body size. A natural history museum found out. It is the long-eared jerboa. The jerboa is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China. It is nocturnal. This means it is active at night, but sleeps in the day.

A zoologist said the jerboa's body is 10 centimetres long. Its ears are up to 5cm long. This is 50 per cent as long as its body. Elephant's ears are 17 per cent of its body length. Jerboas live in very hot places. Their large ears release heat from their body. This helps them to keep cool.

Sources: <https://www.livescience.com/largest-animal-ears-relative-to-body-size.html>  
<https://www.bollyinside.com/news/which-animal-has-the-biggest-ears/>  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/biggest-ears-elephants-jerboa-bats>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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| 1. the biggest ears for | a. nocturnal     |
| 2. A natural history    | b. its body size |
| 3. It is the long-      | c. rodent        |
| 4. The jerboa is a      | d. the day       |
| 5. It lives in the      | e. at night      |
| 6. It is                | f. museum        |
| 7. it is active         | g. deserts       |
| 8. sleeps in            | h. eared jerboa  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. A zoologist                   | a. hot places      |
| 2. 10 centimetres                | b. said            |
| 3. Its ears are up               | c. to keep cool    |
| 4. This is 50 per cent as long   | d. long            |
| 5. 17 per cent of its body       | e. from their body |
| 6. Jerboas live in very          | f. to 5cm long     |
| 7. Their large ears release heat | g. length          |
| 8. This helps them               | h. as its body     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The jerboa is a rodent. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_ deserts of China. It is nocturnal. This means it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ night, but sleeps in the day.

A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ jerboa's body is 10 centimetres long.

Its ears (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 5cm long. This is 50 per cent as long (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Elephant's ears are 17 per cent (10) \_\_\_\_\_ length. Jerboas live in (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Their large ears release heat from their body. This helps them (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
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- f) \_\_\_\_\_