

# THE READING

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Scientists found the world's smallest reptile in Madagascar. It is a chameleon the size of a sunflower seed. They are just 22mm long. At first, the scientists thought the chameleons were babies. They later found they were adults. The scientists called them "nano-chameleons". The scientists tried to find more, but didn't find any.

Madagascar has most of the world's chameleons. The chameleon's survival is in danger because of deforestation. A scientist said the area is now protected, "so [they] will survive". A lot of Madagascar's rainforest could disappear by 2070 because of deforestation. This would put many of the island's unique species in danger.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/feb/05/seed-sized-chameleon-madagascar-world-tiniest-reptile>  
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<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/mysterious-chameleon-may-smallest-reptile-151728681.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's smallest reptile | a. to find more      |
| 2. It is a                      | b. seed              |
| 3. the size of a sunflower      | c. were adults       |
| 4. They are just 22mm           | d. chameleon         |
| 5. the chameleons were          | e. "nano-chameleons" |
| 6. They later found they        | f. long              |
| 7. The scientists called them   | g. babies            |
| 8. The scientists tried         | h. in Madagascar     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Madagascar has most of the      | a. rainforest         |
| 2. The chameleon's survival is     | b. is now protected   |
| 3. because of                      | c. species in danger  |
| 4. the area                        | d. in danger          |
| 5. they will                       | e. 2070               |
| 6. A lot of Madagascar's           | f. world's chameleons |
| 7. disappear by                    | g. survive            |
| 8. put many of the island's unique | h. deforestation      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Madagascar (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's chameleons. The chameleon's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ danger because of deforestation. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the area is now protected, "so (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A lot of Madagascar's rainforest (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 2070 because of deforestation. This would put many of the island's unique (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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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_