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Level 0

Blobfish are the ugliest animals

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THE READING

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People looked at videos of ugly creatures. They chose the blobfish as the world's ugliest animal. The blobfish is the mascot of a group that helps animals. It wanted an ugly mascot. It wants us to know ugly animals are in danger. It said we always care about cute animals. The blobfish will help us think about ugly animals.

Blobfish live near Australia and New Zealand. They stay 600 to 1,200 metres deep. They grow up to 30cm long. They have large heads and small bodies. They are like a big jelly. They eat small crabs and shellfish. Humans do not eat blobfish, but many blobfish die in fishing nets. Scientists are worried blobfish are in danger.

Sources: <http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2013/09/12/whats-the-worlds-ugliest-animal/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People looked | a. to know |
| 2. the world's | b. mascot |
| 3. The blobfish is the | c. cute animals |
| 4. a group that | d. ugliest animal |
| 5. It wants us | e. at videos |
| 6. ugly animals are | f. helps animals |
| 7. care about | g. about ugly animals |
| 8. help us think | h. in danger |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Blobfish live | a. and small bodies |
| 2. 1,200 metres | b. eat blobfish |
| 3. They grow up | c. deep |
| 4. large heads | d. crabs |
| 5. They are like | e. near Australia |
| 6. They eat small | f. blobfish are in danger |
| 7. Humans do not | g. to 30cm long |
| 8. Scientists are worried | h. a big jelly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People (1) _____ of ugly creatures. They chose the blobfish (2) _____ ugliest animal. The blobfish is the mascot (3) _____ that helps animals. It wanted an ugly mascot. It (4) _____ ugly animals (5) _____. It said we always care about cute animals. The blobfish (6) _____ about ugly animals.

Blobfish (7) _____ and New Zealand. They stay 600 to (8) _____. They grow up to 30cm long. They have large heads (9) _____. They are like a big jelly. They (10) _____ and shellfish. Humans do (11) _____, but many blobfish die in fishing nets. Scientists are worried blobfish (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

