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## **Level 4**

### **Men developed deep voices to scare other men**

**11th May, 2016**

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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 have new ideas about why men have deep voices. It was thought that men had deep voices to attract women. However, scientists now say a deep voice was to scare off other men. Researcher David Puts said: "A low pitched voice evolved primarily to intimidate other men...to make males seem bigger and scarier." He said a deep voice was more to show aggression and give an advantage in fighting than to attract women.

Researchers played recordings of 500 men and women to different people of both sexes. Men rated each male voice for levels of dominance. Women rated them for romantic attractiveness. Men also rated women's voices for attractiveness. Most men thought the deeper male voices belonged to a more dominant man. Dr Puts said the pattern of the women's ratings did not suggest that the deepness of the male voice was so important to females.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Scientists have new ideas | a. off other men    |
| 2. men had deep voices       | b. aggression       |
| 3. a deep voice was to scare | c. to attract women |
| 4. A low pitched             | d. fighting         |
| 5. primarily to intimidate   | e. and scarier      |
| 6. make males seem bigger    | f. about why        |
| 7. more to show              | g. other men        |
| 8. give an advantage in      | h. voice            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Researchers played    | a. of the women's ratings |
| 2. people of both        | b. of dominance           |
| 3. Men rated each        | c. sexes                  |
| 4. levels                | d. important to females   |
| 5. rated women's voices  | e. recordings             |
| 6. belonged to a more    | f. male voice             |
| 7. the pattern           | g. for attractiveness     |
| 8. the male voice was so | h. dominant man           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ men have deep voices. It was thought that men had deep voices (2) \_\_\_\_\_. However, scientists now say a deep voice (3) \_\_\_\_\_ other men.

Researcher David Puts said: "A (4) \_\_\_\_\_ evolved primarily to intimidate other men...to make males seem (5) \_\_\_\_\_. " He said a deep voice was more to show aggression and give an advantage in fighting than (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of 500 men and women to different people of both sexes. Men rated (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for levels of dominance. Women (9) \_\_\_\_\_ romantic attractiveness.

Men also rated women's voices for attractiveness. Most men thought the deeper male (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a more dominant man. Dr Puts said the pattern of the women's ratings (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that the deepness of the male voice (12) \_\_\_\_\_ females.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DEEP VOICES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160511-deep-voices-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about deep voices 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) \_\_\_\_\_

