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Modern humans came from Botswana

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A study says the origin of humans is in Botswana. Researchers said they used DNA to find out where modern humans came from. They believe all our roots are in a region of northern Botswana. Humans were there 200,000 years ago. They lived there for at least 70,000 years and then moved around the African continent. They then started migrating to Europe and Asia. Researcher Professor Vanessa Hayes, from the University of Sydney, said: "We've known for a long time that modern humans originated in Africa roughly 200,000 years ago."

The researchers pinpointed an area called Okavango as where we come from. There used to be a big lake there but it is now salt flats. People had water, hunting and farmland. Scientists analyzed DNA from 200 people who live near the area today. They are from the Khoisan people, who live in modern-day South Africa and Namibia. They had a lot of DNA called L0. Professor Hayes explained why L0 is important. She said: "Every time a new migration occurs, that migration event is recorded in our [L0 and] DNA as a time-stamp.... Everyone walking around today...comes from this region."

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2019/10/29/ancestral-homeland-earliest-human-ancestors-traced-botswana-11005209/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. they used DNA to | a. of northern Botswana |
| 2. our roots are in a region | b. time |
| 3. lived there for at | c. Europe |
| 4. moved around the African | d. years ago |
| 5. They then started migrating to | e. least 70,000 years |
| 6. We've known for a long | f. continent |
| 7. modern humans originated | g. find out where |
| 8. roughly 200,000 | h. in Africa |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. researchers pinpointed an area | a. DNA called L0 |
| 2. There used to be | b. region |
| 3. Scientists analyzed DNA | c. day South Africa |
| 4. live in modern- | d. stamp |
| 5. They had a lot of | e. around today |
| 6. time- | f. from 200 people |
| 7. Everyone walking | g. called Okavango |
| 8. comes from this | h. a big lake there |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study says (1) _____ humans is in Botswana. Researchers said they used DNA to (2) _____ modern humans came from. They believe all our roots are in a (3) _____ Botswana. Humans were there 200,000 years ago. They lived there (4) _____ 70,000 years and then moved around the African continent. They then (5) _____ Europe and Asia. Researcher Professor Vanessa Hayes, from the University of Sydney, said: "We've known for a long time that modern (6) _____ Africa roughly 200,000 years ago."

The researchers (7) _____ called Okavango as where we come from. There used to be a big lake there but it is now salt flats. People (8) _____ and farmland. Scientists analyzed DNA from 200 people who live (9) _____ today. They are from the Khoisan people, who live in modern-day South Africa and Namibia. They (10) _____ of DNA called L0. Professor Hayes explained why L0 is important. She said: "Every time a new migration (11) _____ event is recorded in our [L0 and] DNA as a time-stamp.... Everyone walking around today...comes (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OUR HOMELAND SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about our homeland 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) _____

