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Blobfish are the ugliest animals

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THE READING

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Most people do not know that the blobfish is the world's ugliest animal. It is also the mascot of the Ugly Animal Preservation Society (UAPS). Eleven celebrities made a short video on what they thought was Earth's ugliest creature. Thousands of people voted to decide. The UAPS president said he didn't want a cute animal as the mascot. He wants people to know that not-so-cute animals are also in danger. He said: "We've needed an ugly face for endangered animals for a long time." He said cute animals always get the limelight. The blobfish will help people remember uglier animals.

Blobfish live in the seas and oceans near Australia and New Zealand. They stay between 600 to 1,200 metres deep. They can grow up to 30 centimetres long. They have large heads, small bodies and thin tails. They look like a large blob of jelly because they have no muscles. They float in the water and swallow small crabs and shellfish that swim past them. Humans do not eat blobfish (they are inedible), but fishermen kill thousands each year. They are caught in the nets of fishing boats. Scientists are worried the blobfish will be on the list of endangered animals.

Sources: <http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2013/09/12/whats-the-worlds-ugliest-animal/>
<http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/3945/20130912/king-ugly-blobfish-crowned-worlds-ugliest-animal-video.htm>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blobfish>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Most people do | a. animals |
| 2. the Ugly Animal | b. a short video |
| 3. celebrities made | c. as the mascot |
| 4. people voted | d. cute animals are also |
| 5. he didn't want a cute animal | e. not know |
| 6. not-so- | f. to decide |
| 7. endangered | g. the limelight |
| 8. cute animals always get | h. Preservation Society |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Blobfish live in the seas | a. to 30 centimetres long |
| 2. They stay between | b. in the water |
| 3. They can grow up | c. muscles |
| 4. a large blob | d. of fishing boats |
| 5. they have no | e. and oceans |
| 6. They float | f. are worried |
| 7. They are caught in the nets | g. 600 to 1,200 metres deep |
| 8. Scientists | h. of jelly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Most people (1) _____ the blobfish is the world's ugliest animal. It is also the mascot of the Ugly Animal Preservation Society (UAPS). Eleven celebrities made (2) _____ what they thought was Earth's ugliest creature. Thousands of people (3) _____. The UAPS president said he didn't want (4) _____ the mascot. He wants people to know (5) _____ animals are also in danger. He said: "We've needed an ugly face for endangered animals for a long time." He said cute animals always (6) _____. The blobfish will help people remember uglier animals.

Blobfish live in (7) _____ near Australia and New Zealand. They stay between 600 (8) _____. They can grow up to 30 centimetres long. They have large heads, small bodies and thin tails. They look (9) _____ of jelly because they have no muscles. They (10) _____ and swallow small crabs and shellfish (11) _____ them. Humans do not eat blobfish (they are inedible), but fishermen kill thousands each year. They are caught in the nets of fishing boats. Scientists are worried the blobfish will (12) _____ of endangered animals.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
