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the team said the structure of its leaves, pitchers and flowers suggests strongly that its a close relative of the great *nepenthes rajah* from borneo and may be related to the *nepenthes* flora of palawan and borneo. its one of 13 new species the team have discovered during three years of expeditions in south east asia. their findings was published in the botanical journal of the linnean society earlier this year. mr mcphersons company redfern natural history are working on a \_\_\_\_\_ and has produced books about the new species.

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They named the remarkable plant *Nepenthes attenboroughii* in honour of natural history expert Sir David Attenborough. It's a real-life version of Audrey, the man-eating plant created by nerdy florist Seymour Krelborn in the 1986 film *Little Shop of Horrors*.

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## Punctuation

- 1) Replace all the capital letters in this article. You need them for proper nouns and at the beginning of sentences.
- 2) There are 9 apostrophes missing. Replace them all.

## Vocabulary

- 3) Define the following words (use a dictionary) and then use them in a sentence to show meaning:

- carnivorous
- pitcher
- remarkable
- nerdy
- voluminous
- expedition
- documentary

## Grammar

- 4) Find the grammatical error in each paragraph. (There are two in some).

## Spelling

- 5) Which is the correct spelling for the missing word in paragraph 4?

definitely

definitley

definatley

definetly

- 6) Identify the correct spelling to complete the last paragraph.

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documentary

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## Purpose of text

- 7) What is the main purpose of this text?
  - a) To tell us about Sir David Attenborough.
  - b) To encourage us to join the Linnean Society
  - c) To inform us about an interesting discovery
  - d) To get us to buy the scientist's book

## Summarising

- 8) Summarise the main points of this article in approximately 100 words.