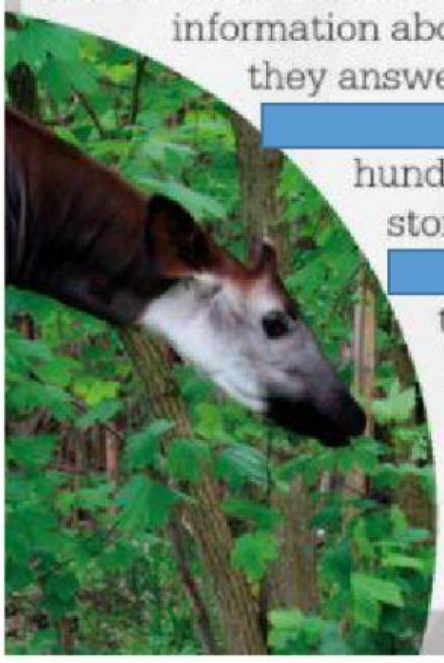
Listen and fill the gaps

1 Giant squid

In Ancient Greek times, there were stories about huge _____. Similar stories appeared in the Middle Ages. These monsters lived in very deep water, but sometimes they attacked sailors. However, were these _____? For hundreds of years, scientists were not sure. But that changed in 1873. A giant squid attacked a small boat near the east coast of North America. The fishermen in the boat _____ two of the giant squid's arms. They were six metres long! They showed the arms to the _____. The scientists were amazed! Today, everyone knows that giant squid are real, but people very rarely see them. In fact, only one video exists of a giant squid in its natural habitat.

2 Gorillas

About 2,500 years ago, an Ancient Greek explorer called Hanno travelled to Africa. On one island near the coast, there was a group _____ on their faces and bodies. He asked the local people for information about them: they were 'gorillae', they answered. These 'people' were violent, _____. And for hundreds of years, there were similar stories about strange creatures – _____ – in the forests of Africa. The first scientific description of gorillas only appeared in the 19th century. And _____ were a _____ until a German soldier discovered them in 1902!



3 Okapi

The Ancient Egyptians were familiar with the okapi, a [redacted]. It looked like a mix between a zebra and a horse. In the 19th century, the famous British journalist and explorer Henry Stanley [redacted]. But was it all a myth? An English politician in central Africa, Henry Johnston, was very interested in Stanley's description. He [redacted] It was not easy, but in 1901 Johnston finally managed to get a complete okapi skin. He sent it to London and the scientists there were amazed. Later, they realised that the [redacted] – in fact, it is a relative of the giraffe.

4 Komodo dragons

During the First World War (1914–18) a pilot crashed into the sea near Indonesia. Luckily, he could swim well. He [redacted]. He was safe! Or was he? On the island, he discovered a horrible monster. It looked like a dragon: it was very big [redacted] It attacked and killed large animals for food. The pilot survived and later he described the monster to his friends. They [redacted]! But in fact, the animal was real: it was a Komodo dragon, [redacted]. In 1927, London Zoo opened its new Reptile House and it included the first pair of Komodo dragons in Europe.