

# BIG WORD

Evolutionary science is fast-moving and often controversial. Exciting discoveries are frequent and well-reported.

Write an essay about a recent development in evolutionary science – choose a topic you are interested in. Your essay should be a maximum of 500 words. You can choose one of four writing styles:

**SCIENCE JOURNAL**

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

**WEB ARTICLE**

**ACADEMIC ESSAY**

Once your piece of writing is completed, you can enter it into the BIG WORD competition and get the chance to have your work published in the New Scientist, win an iPod Nano and £300 for your Science department, and lots of other great prizes.

### Topic ideas

The *Big Picture* magazine and the Wellcome Trust website have lots of inspiring stories.

Searching 'evolution' on the BBC News, *New Scientist* and *Guardian* websites throws up recent stories with useful links.

Your textbook will have useful background information on evolution.

### Information sources

- *Big Picture* magazine
- Wellcome Trust website – [www.wellcome.ac.uk/bigpicture/evolution](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/bigpicture/evolution)
- *New Scientist* – [www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)
- *Guardian* – [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk)
- BBC – [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

### Find out more

For more details on how to apply for the competition, including an entry form and full details of prizes, go to [www.wellcome.ac.uk/bigpicture/evolution](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/bigpicture/evolution).

Deadline for competition entries is 30 March 2007.

