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The tunnel is some 22 metres below the ground and equal to over 14 football fields long.

(AP)

Longest smuggling tunnel found

US authorities announced the discovery of the longest smuggling **tunnel** ever found on the country's southwest border, stretching more than 1,300 metres from an industrial site in Tijuana, Mexico (墨西哥), to the San Diego (聖地牙哥) area.

The tunnel featured an extensive rail cart system, forced air **ventilation**, high voltage electrical cables and panels, a lift at the tunnel entrance and a drainage system.

While there were no arrests, no drugs found at the site and no confirmed exit point in the US, the length – more than 14 football fields – **stunned** authorities.

“This one blows past [the second-longest],” said Lance LeNoir, a Border Patrol operations supervisor. “We never really thought they had the **moxie** to go that far. They continue to surprise me.”

The tunnel **exposes** limitations of President Donald Trump's border wall, which stretches several metres underground in the area and is considered effective against small, crudely built tunnels often called 'gopher holes'. The latest one was found about 21 metres underground, well below the wall.

Following the discovery in August, Mexican law enforcement identified the entrance and US investigators mapped the tunnel that **extends** a total of 1,313 metres.

Authorities did not say who they believe is behind the tunnel but the area has been a **stronghold** of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, whose leader, Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, was sentenced to life in US prison in July.

(Source: *Junior Standard*, 20 February 2020)

Part 1

Matching

Match sentence fragments in Column A with those in Column B to make complete sentences.

Column A	Column B
1. US authorities discovered a tunnel	A. nor found any drugs.
2. The tunnel, believed to be the longest	B. and drainage systems.
3. It is well-equipped with ventilation	C. ever found, runs over 1,300 metres.
4. But the police has made no arrest	D. used by smugglers at the US-Mexico border.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Part 2

Please complete the table below:

Tunnel	Found in at the border between the 1. _____ and 2. _____.
Longest	Believed to be the longest smuggling tunnel ever found, it has a length of 3. _____ metres.
Features	It is equipped with forced air 4. _____, electric cables, a lift and a 5. _____ system.
Implication	The tunnel runs 21 metres underground, meaning US President Donald Trump's border wall that runs several metres underground would not be 6. _____.

Part 3

1. What are 'gopher holes'? _____
2. What metaphor is used to describe the length of the tunnel? _____