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11 Asian nations declared polio-free

30th March, 2014

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THE READING

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has said for the first time that South-East Asia is polio-free. It said 11 countries were clear of the disease. The WHO website said: "This is the fourth of six WHO regions...marking an important step towards global eradication of polio – a highly infectious virus." Around 80 per cent of the world's population now lives in polio-free regions. One of the newly-certified countries is India, which as recently as 2009, had almost 50 per cent of the world's polio cases. India hasn't seen a single polio case for the last three years.

Polio is incurable. It attacks the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can result in death. Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh of the WHO said: "This is a momentous victory for the millions of health workers who have worked with governments...and international partners to eradicate polio from the region." She added it was a sign of how working together can help future generations. Dr Singh cautioned against becoming lazy in the fight against the disease. She said polio was still a global risk and that Asia's polio-free status "remains fragile".

Sources: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47444&Cr=polio&Cr1=#.UzSxJl4uKHA>
<http://time.com/39919/india-declared-free-of-polio/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. for the first time that South-East Asia | a. regions |
| 2. 11 countries were | b. world's polio cases |
| 3. the fourth of | c. is polio-free |
| 4. a highly | d. countries is India |
| 5. polio-free | e. polio case |
| 6. One of the newly-certified | f. clear of the disease |
| 7. almost 50 per cent of the | g. six WHO regions |
| 8. India hasn't seen a single | h. infectious virus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Polio is | a. against becoming lazy |
| 2. cause total | b. polio |
| 3. This is a momentous | c. a global risk |
| 4. eradicate | d. paralysis in hours |
| 5. working together can | e. "remains fragile" |
| 6. Dr Singh cautioned | f. incurable |
| 7. polio was still | g. help future generations |
| 8. Asia's polio-free status | h. victory |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has (1) _____

South-East Asia is polio-free. It said 11 countries

(2) _____. The WHO website said: "This

(3) _____ WHO regions...marking an important step

towards (4) _____ polio - a highly infectious virus."

Around 80 per cent of the world's population now lives in polio-free regions.

One of (5) _____ countries is India, which as recently as

2009, had almost 50 per cent of the world's polio cases. India hasn't seen

(6) _____ for the last three years.

Polio is incurable. It (7) _____ and can cause total

paralysis in hours. It can (8) _____. Dr Poonam Khetrapal

Singh of the WHO said: "This is (9) _____ for the millions

of health workers who have worked with governments...and international

partners (10) _____ from the region." She added it was a

sign of how working together can (11) _____. Dr Singh

cautioned against becoming lazy in the fight against the disease. She said

polio was (12) _____ and that Asia's polio-free status

"remains fragile".

INFECTIOUS DISEASES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140330-polio.html>

Write five GOOD questions about infectious diseases in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

