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Level 4

Scientists close to influenza vaccine

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THE READING

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Scientists are close to developing a vaccine to give life-long protection against influenza. This is good news for people who go to the doctor for an annual flu jab. Research teams successfully tested new drugs on animals. Trials will soon begin on humans. A flu expert said: "This is a leap forward compared to anything done recently. They have good animal data." He added that: "It's a very good stepping stone."

Influenza kills up to half a million people a year. Finding a vaccine is difficult because doctors have to guess which types of the virus are likely to cause the most infections. The success rate of many flu vaccines is low because there is so much guesswork. Vaccines in the U.S. reduced the risk of catching flu by just 23 per cent last year. The latest research could help create vaccines for other viruses that mutate quickly, like HIV or the common cold.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Scientists are close to | a. forward |
| 2. give life-long protection | b. recently |
| 3. This is good | c. developing a vaccine |
| 4. go to the doctor for an | d. on animals |
| 5. tested new drugs | e. stone |
| 6. This is a leap | f. annual flu jab |
| 7. compared to anything done | g. against influenza |
| 8. It's a very good stepping | h. news |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Influenza kills up to half a | a. most infections |
| 2. Finding a vaccine | b. catching flu |
| 3. doctors have to guess which | c. cold |
| 4. likely to cause the | d. quickly |
| 5. success | e. million people a year |
| 6. reduced the risk of | f. rate |
| 7. viruses that mutate | g. is difficult |
| 8. the common | h. types of the virus |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1508/150827-influenza_-4.html

Scientists are close to developing (1) _____ life-long protection against influenza. This is good news (2) _____ to the doctor for (3) _____. Research teams successfully tested new drugs on animals. Trials (4) _____ humans. A flu expert said: "This is (5) _____ compared to anything done recently. They have (6) _____." He added that: "It's a very good stepping stone."

Influenza (7) _____ a million people a year. Finding a vaccine is difficult because doctors have to (8) _____ of the virus are likely to (9) _____ infections. The success rate of many flu vaccines is low because (10) _____ guesswork. Vaccines in the U.S. (11) _____ of catching flu by just 23 per cent last year. The latest research could help create vaccines for other (12) _____ quickly, like HIV or the common cold.

INFLUENZA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about influenza 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)

