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## Level 4

### Malaria breathalyzer test could help millions

10th November, 2017

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171110-malaria-test-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171110-malaria-test-4.html>

Scientists made a breathalyzer to test for malaria. It could find the disease faster than other methods and help millions. People with malaria have a special "breath print". The breathalyzer finds chemicals in the breath print. One of the odours the device finds is the same as a smell that attracts malaria-spreading insects. The device is still being developed. The researchers say it could be a new, cheap and easy way to help diagnose malaria.

The breathalyzer looks for six different odours to spot malaria. The researchers tested 35 children. They successfully found that 29 of the children had malaria - an accuracy rate of 83 per cent. The lead researcher said that easy-to-use testing devices could reduce antibiotic use. She said: "This would have a major impact on the control of malaria, because all current [testing] methods require blood sampling." Malaria kills about 430,000 people a year.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-41820346>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It could find the disease          | a. being developed   |
| 2. People with malaria have a special | b. faster            |
| 3. One of the odours the device       | c. malaria           |
| 4. a smell that attracts malaria-     | d. finds             |
| 5. The device is still                | e. spreading insects |
| 6. The researchers say it             | f. way               |
| 7. a new, cheap and easy              | g. "breath print"    |
| 8. help diagnose                      | h. could             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. looks for six different             | a. of malaria      |
| 2. an accuracy rate                    | b. use             |
| 3. easy-to-use                         | c. people a year   |
| 4. reduce antibiotic                   | d. odours          |
| 5. This would have a major             | e. blood sampling  |
| 6. the control                         | f. testing devices |
| 7. all current testing methods require | g. impact          |
| 8. Malaria kills about 430,000         | h. of 83 per cent  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists made a breathalyzer to (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It could find the disease faster than (2) \_\_\_\_\_ help millions. People with malaria (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "breath print". The breathalyzer finds chemicals in the breath print. One of the odours the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the same (5) \_\_\_\_\_ attracts malaria-spreading insects. The device is still being developed. The researchers say it could be a new, cheap and easy (6) \_\_\_\_\_ diagnose malaria.

The breathalyzer looks for six different (7) \_\_\_\_\_ malaria.

The researchers (8) \_\_\_\_\_. They successfully found that 29 of the children had malaria - an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 83 per cent.

The lead researcher said (10) \_\_\_\_\_ testing devices could reduce antibiotic use. She said: "This would have a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the control of malaria, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ [testing] methods require blood sampling."

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MALARIA TEST SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171110-malaria-test-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about malaria test 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171110-malaria-test-4.html>

Write about **malaria test** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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