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Level 1

Disease X is a 'big risk' to the world

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The WHO says the world is at risk from a deadly disease. They do not know what it looks like. They called it 'Disease X'. It could come from an unknown micro-organism. Disease X could spread around the world before we know about it. The WHO is putting a lot of money into research. It is preparing a plan for an outbreak. It said: "Disease X represents the knowledge that a serious international epidemic could be caused by [an unknown virus]."

Disease X could come from many places. An existing disease could get stronger; terrorists could make bio-weapons; DNA-changing technology could make totally new viruses. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said: "Scientists estimate that...6 out of every 10 known infectious diseases in people are spread from animals." Today, people live closer together and travel the world more. This will make it easier for diseases to spread.

Sources: <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/222770/20180310/disease-x-unknown-pathogen-could-cause-epidemic-that-can-kill-millions-worldwide.htm>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. at risk | a. unknown virus |
| 2. come from an unknown micro- | b. around the world |
| 3. Disease X could spread | c. an outbreak |
| 4. before we know | d. organism |
| 5. putting a lot of money | e. epidemic |
| 6. preparing a plan for | f. from a deadly disease |
| 7. a serious international | g. about it |
| 8. caused by an | h. into research |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Disease X could come | a. bio-weapons |
| 2. An existing disease could | b. diseases |
| 3. terrorists could make | c. to spread |
| 4. make totally | d. together |
| 5. 6 out of | e. from many places |
| 6. infectious | f. every 10 |
| 7. people live closer | g. new viruses |
| 8. make it easier for diseases | h. get stronger |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The WHO says the world (1) _____ from a deadly disease. They do not know (2) _____ like. They called it 'Disease X'. It could come from an unknown micro-organism. Disease X (3) _____ the world before we know about it. The WHO is putting a (4) _____ into research. It is preparing a plan for an outbreak. It said: "Disease X (5) _____ that a serious international epidemic (6) _____ by [an unknown virus]."

Disease X could come (7) _____. An existing disease could get stronger; (8) _____ bio-weapons; DNA-changing technology could (9) _____ viruses. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said: "Scientists (10) _____ out of every 10 known infectious diseases in people (11) _____ animals." Today, people live closer together and travel the world more. This will (12) _____ for diseases to spread.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DISEASES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180313-disease-x-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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) _____

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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) _____

