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**Level 1** – 5th April, 2020

## U.S. to encourage use of face masks

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-1.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-1.html>

The USA is encouraging the wearing of face masks. It said face masks could slow down the spread of COVID-19. It wants Americans to make face masks and use scarves. The WHO said people who are not sick do not need masks. Other organisations say face masks can help to slow the virus. They say people in countries like Singapore and South Korea wear masks. In these countries, reported infection rates are lower.

Some experts say masks could cut the risk of spreading the virus and protect those who have not got it. Other officials say we need masks for nurses and doctors. They say masks could make people feel safe and mix with other people. Health experts also worry that homemade masks will not stop people from getting the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not touching your face."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/04/coronavirus-moves-promoting-broader-face-masks-200402214522519.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. encouraging the wearing  | a. make face masks |
| 2. slow down the spread     | b. the virus       |
| 3. It wants Americans to    | c. are lower       |
| 4. people who are not       | d. masks           |
| 5. do not need              | e. countries       |
| 6. help to slow             | f. of COVID-19     |
| 7. In these                 | g. sick            |
| 8. reported infection rates | h. of face masks   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. experts say masks could | a. your face    |
| 2. spreading               | b. other people |
| 3. protect those who have  | c. distancing   |
| 4. mix with                | d. cut the risk |
| 5. The most important      | e. hands        |
| 6. social                  | f. the virus    |
| 7. washing your            | g. thing        |
| 8. not touching            | h. not got it   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-1.html>

The USA is encouraging (1) \_\_\_\_\_ face masks. It said face masks could slow (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19. It wants Americans to make face masks and use scarves. The WHO said people who are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ not need masks. Other organisations say face (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to slow the virus. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ countries like Singapore and South Korea wear masks. In these countries, reported infection (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some experts say masks could (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of spreading the virus and protect those who have not got it. Other officials (8) \_\_\_\_\_ masks for nurses and doctors. They say masks could make people feel (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with other people. Health experts also worry that homemade masks will not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ getting the virus. The White House said: "The most (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the social distancing, washing your hands and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ face."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FACE MASKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about face masks 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/2004/200405-face-masks-1.html>

Write about **face masks** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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