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**Level 4** – 2nd October 2023

## France battles to stop spread of bedbugs

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231002-bedbugs-4.html>

France is under attack from bedbugs. Videos on social media show the bugs crawling around the Paris metro, in cinemas and at Paris' main airport. Paris' deputy mayor said the tiny creatures are growing in number. The government is acting to deal with a "widespread" rise. He also said: "Obviously, there are risk factors, but, you can catch bedbugs anywhere in the world and bring them home."

France's bedbug problem is not new. Three years ago, there was a campaign to cut their numbers. However, the blood-sucking insects rose in number. There is a new plan to cut bug populations, ahead of the Paris Olympics. Fumigation companies will help to kill the bugs. The deputy mayor said the Olympics would be OK. He said: "Bedbugs existed before and they will exist afterwards." An expert said bedbugs were an "emerging phenomenon" everywhere.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/09/30/europe/france-bedbugs-paris-intl-hnk/index.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. France is under          | a. mayor               |
| 2. Videos on                | b. rise                |
| 3. bugs crawling            | c. creatures           |
| 4. Paris' deputy            | d. social media        |
| 5. tiny                     | e. factors             |
| 6. growing in               | f. attack from bedbugs |
| 7. deal with a "widespread" | g. number              |
| 8. risk                     | h. around              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. France's bedbug problem         | a. companies             |
| 2. a campaign to cut               | b. bug populations       |
| 3. the blood-                      | c. is not new            |
| 4. a new plan to cut               | d. kill the bugs         |
| 5. fumigation                      | e. everywhere            |
| 6. help to                         | f. will exist afterwards |
| 7. Bedbugs existed before and they | g. their numbers         |
| 8. an emerging phenomenon          | h. sucking insects       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231002-bedbugs-4.html>

France (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from bedbugs. Videos on social media show the bugs (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Paris metro, in cinemas and at Paris' main airport. Paris' deputy mayor said the tiny creatures (3) \_\_\_\_\_ number. The government is acting to deal with (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He also said: "Obviously, there (5) \_\_\_\_\_, but, you can catch bedbugs anywhere in the world and (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

France's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ not new. Three years ago, there was a campaign to cut their numbers. However, the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ rose in number. There is a new plan to cut bug populations, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Paris Olympics. Fumigation companies will help to (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The deputy mayor said the Olympics would be OK. He said: "Bedbugs (11) \_\_\_\_\_ they will exist afterwards." An expert said bedbugs (12) \_\_\_\_\_ phenomenon everywhere.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEDBUGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231002-bedbugs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bedbugs 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/2310/231002-bedbugs-4.html>

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

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