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**Level 0 – 5th April, 2020**

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

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-0.html>

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-0.html>

The USA is advising people to wear face masks. This could slow down the spread of COVID-19. The WHO said people who are not sick do not need masks. Other organisations say people in countries like Singapore and South Korea wear masks. In these countries, infection rates are lower.

Many experts say nurses and doctors need the masks. They say masks could make people feel safe so they mix with other people. Other experts worry that homemade masks will not stop 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>  
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-set-to-urge-americans-to-wear-face-coverings-when-outside/ar-BB125M6I>  
<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/white-house-face-masks-coronavirus>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. advising people to   | a. South Korea     |
| 2. slow down the spread | b. lower           |
| 3. The WHO              | c. in countries    |
| 4. people who are not   | d. of COVID-19     |
| 5. do not need          | e. sick            |
| 6. people               | f. wear face masks |
| 7. Singapore and        | g. masks           |
| 8. infection rates are  | h. said            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1. nurses and                             | a. people     |
| 2. masks could make people feel           | b. masks      |
| 3. they mix with other                    | c. your face  |
| 4. Other experts                          | d. safe       |
| 5. homemade                               | e. hands      |
| 6. The most important thing is the social | f. worry      |
| 7. washing your                           | g. doctors    |
| 8. not touching                           | h. distancing |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-0.html>

The USA (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear face masks. This could slow (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19. The WHO (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are not sick do (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Other organisations (5) \_\_\_\_\_ countries like Singapore and South Korea wear masks. In these countries, infection (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Many (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and doctors need the masks.

They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ make people feel safe so they mix with other people. Other (9) \_\_\_\_\_ homemade masks will not (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

The White House said: "The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is the social distancing, washing your hands and not (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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preadofCOVID-19.TheWHOsaidpeoplewhoarenotsickdonotneedm  
asks.OtherorganisationssaypeopleincountrieslikeSingaporeandSou  
thKoreawearmasks.Inthesecountries,infectionratesarelower.Many  
expertssaynursesanddoctorsneedthemasks.They say maskscouldm  
akepeoplefeelsafesotheymixwithotherpeople.Otherexpertsworryth  
athomemademaskswillnotstopthevirus.TheWhiteHousesaid:"Them  
ostimportantthingisthesocialdistancing,washingyourhandsandnott  
ouchingyourface."

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

