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**Level 0** – 13th November, 2020

## Scientists develop COVID-19 vaccine

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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/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine-0.html>

This year has been full of bad news because of COVID-19. Now there is good news in the fight against the virus. Scientists made a vaccine. It has a 90 per cent success rate and no serious side effects. A top infectious diseases doctor said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before we get the vaccine.

It must be kept at -80° Celsius. One drug company said:

"Today is a great day for...humanity....We are reaching this [important time]...when the world needs it most." Infection rates are rising and hospitals are full, but we are closer to ending this global health crisis.

Sources: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-11-10/editorial-a-ray-of-hope-for-the-pandemics-end-in-2021>  
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03166-8>  
<https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-announce-vaccine-candidate-against>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. This year has been full | a. quite good        |
| 2. Now there is            | b. against the virus |
| 3. the fight               | c. success rate      |
| 4. Scientists made a       | d. effects           |
| 5. It has a 90 per cent    | e. of bad news       |
| 6. no serious side         | f. diseases doctor   |
| 7. A top infectious        | g. good news         |
| 8. The results are really  | h. vaccine           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. it will be months before | a. it most            |
| 2. It must be kept at       | b. company            |
| 3. drug                     | c. crisis             |
| 4. a great day for          | d. -80° Celsius       |
| 5. when the world needs     | e. full               |
| 6. Infection rates are      | f. humanity           |
| 7. hospitals are            | g. rising             |
| 8. global health            | h. we get the vaccine |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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This year has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ news because of COVID-19. Now there is good news (2) \_\_\_\_\_ against the virus. Scientists (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It has a 90 per cent success rate and no (4) \_\_\_\_\_. A top infectious (5) \_\_\_\_\_: "The results are (6) \_\_\_\_\_, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ we get the vaccine. It must (8) \_\_\_\_\_ -80° Celsius. One drug company said: "Today (9) \_\_\_\_\_ day for...humanity....We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ [important time]...when the world (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Infection rates are rising and hospitals are full, but we are closer to ending this (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about COVID-19 vaccine 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

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Write about **COVID-19 vaccine** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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