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Level 5 – 8th August, 2022

Life expectancy in Africa grows by 10 years

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy-5.html>

Life expectancy in Africa rose by nearly 10 years in the years between 2000 and 2019. The average age an African could expect to live to be rose from 46 to 56. The WHO said the rise was the best of anywhere in the world. However, it was still far below the global average of 64 years. The figures are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report. This says the improvement is because of better maternal and child healthcare, advances in fighting infectious diseases (such as malaria and HIV), and easier access to health services.

The WHO report urged African nations to keep the momentum going, to ensure life expectancy rates continue to rise. It called for more investment in healthcare systems so that they can deal with future challenges. These include an added pressure on hospitals from growing populations, and the growth of non-communicable diseases. The WHO said there is a worrying increase in the numbers of Africans with high blood pressure and diabetes. The WHO said: "The progress must not stall. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be jeopardized."

Sources: <https://www.voanews.com/a/life-expectancy-in-africa-increases-nearly-10-years/6687204.html>
<https://africatimes.com/2022/08/05/african-life-expectancy-improves-by-10-years-from-2000-2019/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The average age an African could | a. and HIV |
| 2. rose | b. diseases |
| 3. the best of anywhere | c. expect to live |
| 4. far below | d. to health services |
| 5. better maternal and child | e. in the world |
| 6. fighting infectious | f. the global average |
| 7. such as malaria | g. from 46 to 56 |
| 8. easier access | h. healthcare |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. keep the momentum | a. jeopardized |
| 2. more investment | b. in the numbers |
| 3. non-communicable | c. in healthcare systems |
| 4. there is a worrying increase | d. measures |
| 5. high blood | e. diseases |
| 6. The progress must | f. going |
| 7. enhance | g. not stall |
| 8. the health gains could be | h. pressure |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy-5.html>

Life expectancy in Africa (1) _____ 10 years in the years between 2000 and 2019. The average age an African could (2) _____ to be rose from 46 to 56. The WHO said the rise was the best of anywhere in the world. However, it was (3) _____ the global average of 64 years. The figures are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report. This says the improvement is because (4) _____ and child healthcare, (5) _____ infectious diseases (such as malaria and HIV), and easier (6) _____ services.

The WHO report urged African nations to (7) _____ going, to ensure life expectancy rates continue to rise. It called for (8) _____ healthcare systems so that they can deal with future challenges. These include (9) _____ on hospitals from growing populations, and the growth of non-communicable diseases. The WHO said there is a worrying increase in the numbers of Africans with (10) _____ and diabetes. The WHO said: "The progress (11) _____. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LIFE EXPECTANCY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about life expectancy 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) _____

