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**Level 2 – 15th June 2023**

## **Your soap might mean mosquitoes bite you more**

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Mosquitoes like some people more than others. Scientists in the USA found that different body smells attract mosquitoes. This includes our natural body odour and smells from soaps. Some of these smells could reduce the number of bites we get in the summer. The researchers said mosquitoes preferred soap with a flowery smell. More than 60 per cent of the smells coming from our body come from soap. Changing the soap we use could stop us being attractive to mosquitoes. Soap with no smell could make us less tasty to mosquitoes.

The researchers tested four popular brands of soap on mosquitoes. They also tested the smell of people when they did not wash themselves. The researchers put the soapy and unwashed smells in two different cups in a cage full of mosquitoes. The insects preferred the soapy smells. Mosquitoes are like humans because they like flowery and fruity smells. One researcher said coconut-scented soap is best to keep mosquitoes away. Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest creatures. The diseases they carry kill 725,000 people a year.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2023/06/07/why-do-mosquito-bites-itch/70268596007/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mosquitoes like some people       | a. from soaps         |
| 2. different body smells             | b. from our body      |
| 3. our natural body odour and smells | c. to mosquitoes      |
| 4. reduce the number of bites        | d. a flowery smell    |
| 5. soap with                         | e. smell              |
| 6. the smells coming                 | f. attract mosquitoes |
| 7. Soap with no                      | g. more than others   |
| 8. make us less tasty                | h. we get             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. researchers tested four popular | a. like humans           |
| 2. in a cage full                  | b. deadliest creatures   |
| 3. Mosquitoes are                  | c. away                  |
| 4. they like flowery and           | d. 725,000 people a year |
| 5. coconut-scented                 | e. of mosquitoes         |
| 6. keep mosquitoes                 | f. fruity smells         |
| 7. Mosquitoes are the world's      | g. soap is best          |
| 8. diseases they carry kill        | h. brands of soap        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mosquitoes like some people (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Scientists in the USA found that different (2) \_\_\_\_\_ mosquitoes. This includes our natural body odour and smells from soaps. Some of these smells could (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of bites we get in the summer. The researchers said mosquitoes preferred soap with (4) \_\_\_\_\_. More than 60 per cent of the smells coming from our body come from soap. Changing the soap we use could stop (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to mosquitoes. Soap with no smell could make us (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mosquitoes.

The researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ brands of soap on mosquitoes. They also tested the smell of people when they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves. The researchers put the soapy and unwashed smells in two different cups in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of mosquitoes. The insects preferred the soapy smells. Mosquitoes are like humans because they like (10) \_\_\_\_\_ smells. One researcher said coconut-scented soap is best to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest creatures. The diseases (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 725,000 people a year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MOSQUITOES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230615-soap-and-mosquitoes-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mosquitoes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

