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Level 1 – 30th November 2023

Scientists hopeful of cure for itchiness and eczema

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Itches that will not go away are annoying. Researchers have studied for many years what causes itches. They have now found that bacteria in our skin make us itch. The bacteria are linked to many diseases that cause itchiness, like eczema. A researcher wrote that eczema sufferers have skin bacteria that cause eczema. She added that itches can be very tiring for people who have from skin problems.

The researchers did their research on mice. They found a kind of protein caused itching in the test mice. The researchers changed the protein to make a drug to stop itching in the mice. This drug could help the 245 million eczema sufferers in the world. Eczema sufferers get itchiness, redness on the skin, and rashes. They can also get blisters on their skin. A lot more women than men get eczema.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/why-do-we-itch-scientists-have-been-scratching-their-heads-and-now-have-the-answer-13013524>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/67519448>
<https://hms.harvard.edu/news/new-clues-head-scratching-mystery-itch>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Itches that will not | a. problems |
| 2. Researchers have studied | b. to many diseases |
| 3. bacteria in our skin make us | c. tiring |
| 4. The bacteria are linked | d. that cause eczema |
| 5. diseases that cause itchiness, | e. itch |
| 6. skin bacteria that cause | f. go away |
| 7. itches can be very | g. like eczema |
| 8. people who have from skin | h. for many years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The researchers did their | a. to make a drug |
| 2. They found a kind | b. on their skin |
| 3. researchers changed the protein | c. get eczema |
| 4. stop itching | d. of protein |
| 5. This drug could help the | e. in the mice |
| 6. redness on | f. research on mice |
| 7. They can also get blisters | g. the skin |
| 8. A lot more women than men | h. 245 million people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Itches (1) _____ go away are annoying.

Researchers have (2) _____ years what causes

itches. They (3) _____ that bacteria in our skin

make us itch. The bacteria are (4) _____

diseases that cause itchiness, like eczema. A researcher wrote

that eczema (5) _____ bacteria that cause

eczema. She added that itches can be very tiring for people who

(6) _____.

The researchers (7) _____ on mice. They found a

kind of protein (8) _____ the test mice. The

researchers changed the protein to (9) _____ to

stop itching in the mice. This drug (10) _____

245 million eczema sufferers in the world. Eczema sufferers get

itchiness, (11) _____ skin, and rashes. They can

also get blisters on their skin. A lot (12) _____

men get eczema.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ITCHINESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231130-eczema-cure-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about itchiness 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) _____

