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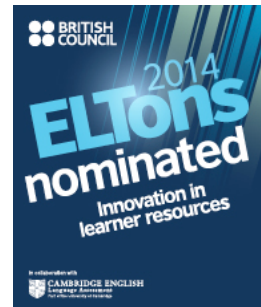
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Level 4

11 Asian nations declared polio-free

30th March, 2014

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THE READING

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has said 11 countries in South-East Asia were polio-free. Its website said: "This is the fourth of six WHO regions...marking an important step towards global eradication of polio – a highly infectious virus." Around 80 per cent of the world is now polio-free. One newly-certified country is India. In 2009, it had half of the world's polio cases. It hasn't seen a single case of polio for the last three years.

Polio is incurable. It attacks the nervous system and can paralyse in hours. It can result in death. A WHO doctor said it was a "momentous victory for the millions of health workers" who helped rid polio from the region. She said it showed how working together could help future generations. She warned against becoming lazy in the fight against the disease. She said polio was still a global risk and that Asia's polio-free status was still "fragile".

Sources: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47444&Cr=polio&Cr1=#.UzSxJl4uKHA>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. This is the fourth of | a. case of polio |
| 2. an important step towards | b. six WHO regions |
| 3. a highly infectious | c. three years |
| 4. One newly-certified | d. global eradication |
| 5. It hasn't seen a single | e. country is India |
| 6. for the last | f. virus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Polio is | a. becoming lazy |
| 2. It attacks the | b. still "fragile" |
| 3. a momentous | c. help future generations |
| 4. working together could | d. incurable |
| 5. She warned against | e. victory |
| 6. Asia's polio-free status was | f. nervous system |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Health Organization (WHO) (1) _____ in South-East Asia were polio-free. Its website said: "(2) _____ WHO regions... (3) _____ step towards global eradication of polio – a (4) _____." Around 80 per cent of the world is now polio-free. (5) _____ country is India. In 2009, it had half of the world's polio cases. It hasn't (6) _____ of polio for the last three years.

Polio is incurable. It attacks (7) _____ and can paralyse in hours. It (8) _____ death. A WHO doctor said it was a "momentous (9) _____ of health workers" who helped rid polio from the region. She said it showed (10) _____ could help future generations. She warned (11) _____ in the fight against the disease. She said polio was still a global risk and that Asia's polio- (12) _____ "fragile"

INFECTIOUS DISEASES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about infectious diseases 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

