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Malaria breathalyzer test could help millions

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THE READING

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Scientists have made a breathalyzer to test people for malaria. It could help detect the deadly disease earlier than other methods and help millions of people. The researchers say people with malaria give off a special "breath print". The breathalyzer detects the breath print chemicals when someone breathes into the device. One of the odours the device finds is the same as a natural smell that attracts malaria-spreading insects. The device is still in the early stages of development. The researchers say it could be a new, cheap and easy way to help diagnose malaria.

The breathalyzer detects six different odours to spot cases of malaria. The researchers tested 35 children in Malawi. They took breath samples to test the accuracy of the machine. It accurately said 29 of the children had malaria - a success rate of 83 per cent. The lead researcher said that easy-to-use, reliable testing devices could reduce unnecessary antibiotic use. She said: "This would have a major impact on the control of malaria, because all current [testing] methods require blood sampling." Malaria currently kills around 430,000 people a year around the world.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Scientists have made a | a. spreading insects |
| 2. detect the deadly disease | b. and easy way |
| 3. give off a special | c. earlier |
| 4. when someone breathes | d. malaria |
| 5. a natural smell that attracts malaria- | e. "breath print" |
| 6. The device is still in the early stages | f. into the device |
| 7. it could be a new, cheap | g. breathalyzer |
| 8. help diagnose | h. of development |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The breathalyzer detects six | a. devices |
| 2. They took breath | b. blood sampling |
| 3. test the accuracy of | c. different odours |
| 4. a success rate | d. 430,000 people |
| 5. easy-to-use, reliable testing | e. of 83 per cent |
| 6. a major impact on the control | f. samples |
| 7. current testing methods require | g. of malaria |
| 8. Malaria currently kills around | h. the machine |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have made a breathalyzer to (1) _____ malaria. It could help detect (2) _____ earlier than other methods and help millions of people. The researchers say people with malaria give off a (3) _____. The breathalyzer detects the breath print chemicals when someone breathes into the device. One of the odours the device finds is the same (4) _____ smell that attracts malaria-spreading insects. The device is still in (5) _____ of development. The researchers say it could be a new, cheap (6) _____ to help diagnose malaria.

The breathalyzer detects six different odours to (7) _____ malaria. The researchers tested 35 children in Malawi. They took breath samples to test (8) _____ the machine. It accurately said 29 of the children had malaria - a (9) _____ 83 per cent. The lead researcher said that easy-to-use, reliable testing devices could reduce unnecessary (10) _____. She said: "This would have a major impact on the (11) _____, because all current [testing] methods require blood sampling." Malaria currently kills around 430,000 people a year (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MALARIA TEST SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171110-malaria-test-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about malaria test 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) _____

