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Level 0 – 30th November 2023

Scientists hopeful of cure for itchiness and eczema

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Itches are annoying. Researchers studied what causes itches. They found that bacteria in our skin make us itch. The bacteria cause diseases like eczema. A researcher said many people have eczema. She added that eczema can be very tiring for people because they itch a lot.

The researchers found something that caused itching in test mice. They changed the protein to make a drug. This stopped itching in the mice. This drug could help 245 million people around the world with eczema. Eczema causes itchiness, redness on the skin, rashes, and blisters.

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 are | a. be very tiring |
| 2. Researchers studied what | b. like eczema |
| 3. bacteria in our skin | c. a lot |
| 4. bacteria cause diseases | d. for people |
| 5. many people | e. annoying |
| 6. eczema can | f. make us itch |
| 7. tiring | g. causes itches |
| 8. they itch | h. have eczema |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The researchers found | a. with eczema |
| 2. something that | b. to make a drug |
| 3. They changed the protein | c. and blisters |
| 4. This stopped itching | d. something |
| 5. This drug could | e. itchiness |
| 6. people around the world | f. caused itching |
| 7. Eczema causes | g. help 245 million |
| 8. skin, rashes, | h. in the mice |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ . Researchers studied

(2) _____. They found that bacteria

(3) _____ make us itch. The bacteria

(4) _____ eczema. A researcher said many

people have eczema. (5) _____ eczema can be

very tiring for (6) _____ itch a lot.

The researchers (7) _____ caused itching

(8) _____. They changed the protein to

(9) _____. This stopped itching

(10) _____. This drug could help 245

(11) _____ the world with eczema. Eczema

causes itchiness, redness on the skin,

(12) _____ .

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ITCHINESS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **itchiness** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
