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Level 2

Harmful bacteria getting stronger

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THE READING

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A new report says people could be in danger from superbugs if they eat rare and undercooked meat. Researchers looked at how antibiotics in food are making bugs stronger. The use of antibiotics in agriculture is making bugs stronger and resistant to our medicines. The huge amount of antibiotics in farming could be dangerous to people's health. Researchers said farmers should reduce the amount of antibiotics they give to their animals. This is important if we want to make sure that our life-saving medicines still work well.

The researchers want strict targets to reduce the antibiotics given to farm animals. The head of the research said: "I find it [unbelievable] that in many countries, most of the consumption of antibiotics is in animals, rather than humans. This creates a big risk for everyone." He added that people could get ill from superbugs if they ate meat that was rare or undercooked. His advice is for people to make sure they cook meat properly. He said if people did not cook meat well, they should be aware of where the meat comes from.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/news/12038056/Rare-steaks-could-put-diners-at-risk-of-superbugs.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. A new report says people could | a. stronger |
| 2. if they eat rare and | b. medicines |
| 3. antibiotics | c. be in danger |
| 4. making bugs | d. agriculture |
| 5. The use of antibiotics in | e. antibiotics in farming |
| 6. resistant to our | f. undercooked meat |
| 7. The huge amount of | g. still work well |
| 8. make sure that our life-saving medicines | h. in food |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The researchers want strict | a. the meat comes from |
| 2. reduce the antibiotics given | b. from superbugs |
| 3. The head of | c. properly |
| 4. This creates a big risk | d. to farm animals |
| 5. people could get ill | e. undercooked |
| 6. rare or | f. targets |
| 7. make sure they cook meat | g. for everyone |
| 8. they should be aware of where | h. the research |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new report says people (1) _____ danger from superbugs if (2) _____ and undercooked meat. Researchers looked at how antibiotics (3) _____ making bugs stronger. The use of antibiotics in agriculture is making bugs stronger and resistant to our medicines. The huge (4) _____ in farming could be dangerous to people's health. Researchers said farmers should (5) _____ of antibiotics they give to their animals. This is important if we want to make sure that our life-saving medicines (6) _____.

The researchers want strict targets (7) _____ antibiotics given to farm animals. (8) _____ research said: "I find it [unbelievable] that in many countries, most of the consumption of antibiotics is in animals, (9) _____. This creates a big risk for everyone." He added that people (10) _____ superbugs if they ate meat that was rare or undercooked. His advice (11) _____ make sure they cook meat properly. He said if people did not cook meat well, they should be aware of where the (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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)

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g)

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