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Level 0

Zika virus could affect 4 million people

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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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The Zika virus could become a world pandemic. It could be more serious than the Ebola virus. The WHO said four million people could get Zika. It is spreading across South and Central America very quickly. It is now a big problem. Mosquitos with the virus are spreading worldwide because of warmer weather.

The Zika virus is harming babies. It causes a disease called microcephaly. This is where babies are born with smaller heads and brain damage. Many babies were born in Brazil with microcephaly. It is difficult to find a vaccine for the Zika virus.

Doctors must test it on pregnant women. This is a very difficult problem.

Sources: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/zika-virus-infects-more-than-2100-pregnant-colombian-women/>
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/30/zika-virus-health-fears>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zika_virus

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Zika virus could | a. the virus |
| 2. more serious | b. people could get Zika |
| 3. four million | c. weather |
| 4. Central | d. than the Ebola virus |
| 5. It is now a | e. become a world pandemic |
| 6. mosquitos with | f. worldwide |
| 7. spreading | g. big problem |
| 8. warmer | h. America |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The Zika virus is | a. women |
| 2. It causes a disease | b. damage |
| 3. babies are born | c. find a vaccine |
| 4. brain | d. difficult problem |
| 5. Many babies were born | e. harming babies |
| 6. It is difficult to | f. in Brazil |
| 7. pregnant | g. called microcephaly |
| 8. This is a very | h. with smaller heads |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Zika virus (1) _____ world pandemic. It could (2) _____ than the Ebola virus. The WHO said four million people (3) _____ Zika. It is spreading across South and Central America (4) _____. It is now a (5) _____. Mosquitos with the virus are spreading worldwide because of (6) _____.

The Zika virus is (7) _____. It causes a disease called microcephaly. This is where babies (8) _____ smaller heads and (9) _____. Many babies were born in Brazil with microcephaly. It (10) _____ find a vaccine for the Zika virus. Doctors must (11) _____ pregnant women. This (12) _____ difficult problem.

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) _____

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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 **Zika virus** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
