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## **Level 1**

### **Scientists find way to mass produce blood**

**27th March, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170327-blood-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170327-blood-1.html>

Scientists in the UK have found a way to mass produce blood. The blood is good enough to give to hospital patients. The old way of making blood in a laboratory was very slow. It was difficult to make a lot of blood and it was very expensive. The new way means scientists can make an "unlimited" amount of blood. A researcher said: "We have [shown] a [workable] way to sustainably manufacture red cells."

Another researcher told reporters his team now needs the technology to mass produce blood. He said that would be a challenge. He said that at first, his team would produce only rare types of blood. He said these are difficult to find with usual blood donations. He said: "The first...of [our] red cell product is likely to be for patients with rare blood groups, because suitable...red blood cell donations can be difficult to [find]."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-39354627>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170327-blood-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a way to mass                | a. make a lot of blood |
| 2. The blood is good            | b. of blood            |
| 3. hospital                     | c. enough              |
| 4. making blood in a laboratory | d. red cells           |
| 5. It was difficult to          | e. produce blood       |
| 6. it was very                  | f. was very slow       |
| 7. make an "unlimited" amount"  | g. patients            |
| 8. sustainably manufacture      | h. expensive           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. his team now            | a. groups               |
| 2. mass                    | b. needs the technology |
| 3. He said that would      | c. of blood             |
| 4. produce only rare types | d. find                 |
| 5. blood                   | e. patients             |
| 6. likely to be for        | f. be a challenge       |
| 7. rare blood              | g. produce blood        |
| 8. difficult to            | h. donations            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170327-blood-1.html>

Scientists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ have found a way to mass produce blood. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to give to hospital patients. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ making blood in a laboratory was very slow. It was difficult to make a lot of blood (4) \_\_\_\_\_ very expensive. The new way means scientists (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "unlimited" amount" of blood. A researcher said: "We have [shown] a [workable] way to sustainably (6) \_\_\_\_\_ cells."

Another researcher told reporters (7) \_\_\_\_\_ needs the technology (8) \_\_\_\_\_ produce blood. He said that would be a challenge. He said (9) \_\_\_\_\_, his team would produce only rare types of blood. He said (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to find with usual blood donations. He said: "The first...of [our] red cell product is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for patients with rare blood groups, because suitable...red blood cell donations (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to [find]."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BLOOD SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170327-blood-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about blood 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

