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Level 0

Disease X is a 'big risk' to the world

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180313-disease-x-0.html>

The WHO says the world is in danger. There is a virus called 'Disease X'. Scientists don't know what it looks like. It could spread around the world before we know about it. The WHO said the name 'Disease X' represents any international epidemic from an unknown virus. It has a plan if there is an outbreak.

Disease X could come many places. A disease could get stronger; terrorists could make bio-weapons; technology could make new viruses. Scientists in the U.S. say that 60 per cent of infectious diseases come from animals. Today, we live in cities and travel the world more. This will make diseases spread quickly.

Sources: <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/222770/20180310/disease-x-unknown-pathogen-could-cause-epidemic-that-can-kill-millions-worldwide.htm>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. the world is in | a. know |
| 2. a virus called | b. plan |
| 3. Scientists don't | c. the world |
| 4. what it looks | d. outbreak |
| 5. spread around | e. 'Disease X' |
| 6. from an unknown | f. danger |
| 7. It has a | g. like |
| 8. if there is an | h. virus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Disease X could come from | a. bio-weapons |
| 2. A disease could | b. world more |
| 3. terrorists could make | c. cities |
| 4. technology could | d. quickly |
| 5. 60 per cent of infectious | e. get stronger |
| 6. we live in | f. many places |
| 7. travel the | g. diseases |
| 8. make diseases spread | h. make new viruses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The WHO says the (1) _____ danger. There is a virus called 'Disease X'. Scientists (2) _____ it looks like. (3) _____ around the world before we (4) _____. The WHO said the name 'Disease X' represents any international epidemic (5) _____ virus. It has a plan if there (6) _____.

Disease X could (7) _____ places. A disease could get stronger; (8) _____ bio-weapons; technology could (9) _____. Scientists in the U.S. say that 60 per cent (10) _____ come from animals. Today, we (11) _____ and travel the world more. This will make (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DISEASES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about diseases 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 **diseases** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
