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Level 0 – 23rd December, 2020

World blocks UK over new mutant virus strain

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

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Forty countries blocked | a. virus |
| 2. It is a | b. problems |
| 3. It changed from the original | c. change this |
| 4. Some nations blocked links | d. of food from France |
| 5. Many countries may | e. mutant |
| 6. A travel ban | f. to the UK |
| 7. causing big | g. by France |
| 8. The UK gets a lot | h. travel |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. The new virus is 70% | a. other people |
| 2. It is spreading | b. of control |
| 3. It is out | c. food |
| 4. A lot of the UK is | d. fast |
| 5. spend Christmas with people | e. nearly doubled |
| 6. They cannot meet | f. more infectious |
| 7. The number of coronavirus cases has | g. they live with |
| 8. there would be enough | h. in lockdown |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Forty countries blocked (1) _____ UK because of a new kind of COVID-19. It (2) _____. It changed from the original virus. Some (3) _____ to the UK for (4) _____; others for two weeks. Many countries (5) _____. A travel ban by France is causing big problems. The UK gets (6) _____ food from France.

The (7) _____ 70% more infectious than (8) _____. It is spreading fast. It is (9) _____. A lot of the UK is in lockdown. Most people (10) _____ Christmas with people they live with. They cannot (11) _____. The number of coronavirus cases has nearly doubled. The UK said there would (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE MUTANT VIRUS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the mutant virus 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) _____

