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**Level 6 – 12th August, 2020**

## **Delivery of COVID vaccine needs 8,000 jumbo jets**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

Whenever scientists create a vaccine for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be scrambling for cargo aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest logistical operations ever. Aviation experts have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 747 freight planes. This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - one dose for everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has warned governments they must start planning for the "mission of the century". It said: "Even if we assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face its largest single transport challenge ever."

IATA has warned governments that many obstacles must be overcome to ensure the effective distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo hubs and warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. This would require extensive training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert in safely handling and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and cross-border controls. It said: "Vaccines will be highly valuable commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and theft."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. VACCINES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about vaccines. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientists / vaccine / cargo / aircraft / aviation / dose / transport / mission / century / obstacles / distribution / critical / warehouse / journey / training / worldwide / theft

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. VACCINE:** Students A **strongly** believe there will be a vaccine; Students B **strongly** believe there won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. COVID-19:** How risky are these places because of COVID-19? What can we do to reduce the chances of catching COVID-19? How effective is this? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Risky	What We Can Do	Effectiveness
In the street			
On a train			
In a mall			
In a restaurant			
At home			
In class			

**5. AVIATION:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "aviation". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. MISSION OF THE CENTURY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important missions for the 21st century at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A COVID-19 cure
- Landing on Mars
- A carbon neutral world
- A nuclear free world
- 1,000 hour battery life
- Anti-ageing creams
- An end to war
- Free global wifi

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. scrambling | a. The flying or operating of aircraft.  |
| 2. logistical | b. Performing an action or achieve a result hurriedly, clumsily, or with difficulty.                                 |
| 3. aviation   | c. Predict or estimate a future event or trend.  |
| 4. forecast   | d. The earth.  |
| 5. globe      | e. Relating to or involving organization and planning.   |
| 6. dose       | f. An important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel. |
| 7. mission    | g. A quantity of a medicine or drug taken or recommended to be taken at a particular time.                           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. obstacle     | h. The action or process of supplying goods to stores and other businesses or organisations.   |
| 9. distribution | i. Having or involving authoritative knowledge.  |
| 10. critical    | j. A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.                              |
| 11. hub         | k. Having a decisive or crucial importance in the success, failure, or existence of something. |
| 12. expert      | l. A useful or valuable thing, such as water or time.  |
| 13. commodity   | m. The effective center of an activity, region, or network.                                    |
| 14. tampering   | n. Interfering with something in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Governments do not have enough planes to distribute a COVID vaccine. **T / F**
- b. The world needs 8,000 777 jumbo jets to distribute the vaccine. **T / F**
- c. A transport group called delivering a vaccine the mission of the decade. **T / F**
- d. Transporting a vaccine by air will be a challenge if half is moved by road. **T / F**
- e. There are very few obstacles in transporting the vaccine. **T / F**
- f. The vaccine must be kept at the correct temperature while in flight. **T / F**
- g. Staff need to be experts in handling the vaccine. **T / F**
- h. Authorities are worried about vaccine theft. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. scrambling</b>  | a. measure     |
| <b>2. forecast</b>    | b. interfering |
| <b>3. dose</b>        | c. in history  |
| <b>4. assume</b>      | d. products    |
| <b>5. ever</b>        | e. specialist  |
| <b>6. obstacles</b>   | f. presume     |
| <b>7. essential</b>   | g. predicted   |
| <b>8. expert</b>      | h. struggling  |
| <b>9. commodities</b> | i. crucial     |
| <b>10. tampering</b>  | j. hurdles     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. one of the biggest logistical     | a. overcome               |
| 2. freight                           | b. of the century         |
| 3. one dose                          | c. and warehouses         |
| 4. planning for the mission          | d. controls               |
| 5. face its largest single transport | e. operations ever        |
| 6. many obstacles must be            | f. remain secure          |
| 7. temperature-controlled cargo hubs | g. planes                 |
| 8. kept at the same temperature      | h. challenge ever         |
| 9. cross-border                      | i. throughout its journey |
| 10. ensure that shipments            | j. for everyone on Earth  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

Whenever scientists create a vaccine for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for cargo aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest (2) \_\_\_\_\_ operations ever. Aviation experts have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 747 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ planes. This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - one (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has (5) \_\_\_\_\_ governments they must start planning for the "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the century". It said: "Even if we (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still (8) \_\_\_\_\_ its largest single transport challenge ever."

*dose*

*scrambling*

*assume*

*warned*

*freight*

*face*

*logistical*

*mission*

IATA has warned governments that many (9) \_\_\_\_\_ must be overcome to ensure the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. This would require (12) \_\_\_\_\_ training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert in safely (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and cross-(14) \_\_\_\_\_ controls. It said: "Vaccines will be highly (15) \_\_\_\_\_ commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*border*

*theft*

*hubs*

*valuable*

*obstacles*

*handling*

*effective*

*extensive*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

- 1) governments worldwide will be scrambling \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. four cargo aircraft
  - b. for cargo aircraft
  - c. form cargo aircraft
  - d. fore-cargo aircraft
- 2) Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest logistical \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. operations ever
  - b. operations never
  - c. operations every
  - d. operations sever
- 3) transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 747 freight planes
  - b. 747 fright planes
  - c. 747 flight planes
  - d. 747 frayed planes
- 4) This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - \_\_\_\_\_ everyone
  - a. one does for
  - b. one dozen for
  - c. one douse for
  - d. one dose for
- 5) that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. air cargo industrial
  - b. air cargo industrious
  - c. air cargo industry
  - d. air cargo in dust tree
- 6) IATA has warned governments that many obstacles \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. must be come over
  - b. must be overcome
  - c. must be go over
  - d. must be ongoing
- 7) One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. car go bibs
  - b. cargo bobs
  - c. car go shrubs
  - d. cargo hubs
- 8) It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. thoroughly its journey
  - b. threw out its journey
  - c. thorough out its journey
  - d. throughout its journey
- 9) require extensive training of staff worldwide, who must quickly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. become expat
  - b. become expert
  - c. become expect
  - d. become ex-spurt
- 10) be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. temper in and bereft
  - b. Tampa ring and deft
  - c. tamper ring and thief
  - d. tampering and theft

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

Whenever scientists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be scrambling for cargo aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Aviation experts have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 747 freight planes. This is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - (4) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has warned governments they must start planning for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the century". It said: "Even if we assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face (6) \_\_\_\_\_ transport challenge ever."

IATA has warned governments that (7) \_\_\_\_\_ be overcome to ensure the effective distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled (8) \_\_\_\_\_ warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. This (9) \_\_\_\_\_ training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and cross-border controls. It said: "Vaccines will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

1. What did the article say governments would be scrambling for?
2. Who forecast lots of planes would be needed?
3. How many doses of the vaccine would 8,000 planes ship?
4. What did a transport group say governments should start planning for?
5. What did the article say was facing its largest ever transport challenge?
6. What did the travel group IATA say must be overcome?
7. What did the article say needed to be temperature controlled?
8. What do staff need to be expert in?
9. What controls would be a challenge when moving the vaccine?
10. What must shipments of the vaccine be secure from besides tampering?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

- 1) What did the article say governments would be scrambling for?
  - a) vaccines
  - b) cargo aircraft
  - c) airplane fuel
  - d) pilots
- 2) Who forecast lots of planes would be needed?
  - a) pilots
  - b) doctors
  - c) engineers
  - d) aviation experts
- 3) How many doses of the vaccine would 8,000 planes ship?
  - a) 7.9 billion
  - b) 7.7 billion
  - c) 7.8 billion
  - d) 7.6 billion
- 4) What did a transport group say governments should start planning for?
  - a) the mission of the century
  - b) an increase in air travel
  - c) the worst-case scenario
  - d) a spike in coronavirus cases
- 5) What did the article say was facing its largest ever transport challenge?
  - a) the pharmaceutical industry
  - b) the air cargo industry
  - c) the railways
  - d) a bus network
- 6) What did the travel group IATA say must be overcome?
  - a) many obstacles
  - b) fear
  - c) side effects of the vaccine
  - d) prejudices
- 7) What did the article say needed to be temperature controlled?
  - a) airplanes
  - b) syringes
  - c) cargo hubs and warehouses
  - d) hospitals and clinics
- 8) What do staff need to be expert in?
  - a) handling the vaccine
  - b) flying
  - c) giving injections
  - d) detecting symptoms
- 9) What controls would be a challenge when moving the vaccine?
  - a) flight controls
  - b) remote controls
  - c) mind control
  - d) border controls
- 10) What must shipments of the vaccine be secure from besides tampering?
  - a) heat
  - b) cold
  - c) theft
  - d) radiation

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

## **Role A – A COVID-19 Cure**

You think a COVID-19 cure is the most important mission of this century. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their missions. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): landing on Mars, an anti-ageing cream or 1,000-hour battery life.

## **Role B – Landing on Mars**

You think landing on Mars is the most important mission of this century. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their missions. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a COVID-19 cure, an anti-ageing cream or 1,000-hour battery life.

## **Role C – An Anti-Ageing Cream**

You think an anti-ageing cream is the most important mission of this century. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their missions. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): landing on Mars, a COVID-19 cure or 1,000-hour battery life.

## **Role D – 1,000-Hour Battery Life**

You think 1,000-hour battery life is the most important mission of this century. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their missions. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): landing on Mars, an anti-ageing cream or a COVID-19 cure.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'COVID' and 'vaccine'.

<b>COVID</b>	<b>vaccine</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• scientists</li><li>• operations</li><li>• require</li><li>• dose</li><li>• mission</li><li>• half</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• effective</li><li>• element</li><li>• same</li><li>• expert</li><li>• cross</li><li>• theft</li></ul>
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# VACCINES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

Write five GOOD questions about vaccines 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.

# VACCINES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'COVID'?
3. When do you think scientists will create a vaccine?
4. Would you have the vaccine?
5. Why won't anti-vaxxers have the vaccine?
6. What do you think of the logistics of distributing the vaccine worldwide?
7. What is your government doing about COVID-19?
8. What was the 'mission of the century' before this vaccine?
9. What was the mission of the twentieth century?
10. What is the best way to distribute the vaccine to every person on Earth?

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# VACCINES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'vaccine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What obstacles are there in distributing the vaccine?
15. Who should get the vaccine first?
16. How will life in your country change if there is a vaccine?
17. Would you buy a COVID vaccine online?
18. What happens if we cannot find a vaccine?
19. How much vaccine theft do you think there will be?
20. What questions would you like to ask the aviation experts?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

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IATA has warned governments that many obstacles must (7) \_\_\_\_\_ overcome to ensure the effective distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. This would require extensive training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert (9) \_\_\_\_\_ safely handling and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ -border controls. It said: "Vaccines will be (11) \_\_\_\_\_ valuable commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |               |                |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) scribbling | (b) scrubbing | (c) scrambling | (d) scrimping |
| 2.  | (a) ever       | (b) every     | (c) even       | (d) eventual  |
| 3.  | (a) that       | (b) which     | (c) what       | (d) such      |
| 4.  | (a) any        | (b) neither   | (c) which      | (d) such      |
| 5.  | (a) on         | (b) of        | (c) at         | (d) to        |
| 6.  | (a) head       | (b) skull     | (c) back       | (d) face      |
| 7.  | (a) do         | (b) have      | (c) be         | (d) will      |
| 8.  | (a) dips       | (b) cribs     | (c) bobs       | (d) hubs      |
| 9.  | (a) in         | (b) of        | (c) as         | (d) on        |
| 10. | (a) crescent   | (b) cross     | (c) star       | (d) asterisk  |
| 11. | (a) height     | (b) highly    | (c) highs      | (d) heighten  |
| 12. | (a) thief      | (b) thief     | (c) theft      | (d) thieved   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. acrimlinsb for cargo aircraft
2. one of the biggest stgaliolc operations
3. avnatio experts
4. 747 giretfh planes
5. 7.8 billion seods of any vaccine
6. Even if we asmsue that

## Paragraph 2

7. many cbetosals must be overcome
8. the efceiftve distribution of a vaccine
9. remuprtatee-controlled cargo hubs
10. tvesxeeni training of staff
11. highly valuable cidotoesimm
12. secure from neatmpigr and theft

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) Whenever scientists create a vaccine for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be scrambling for cargo
- ( ) IATA) has warned governments they must start planning for the "mission of the century". It said:
- ( ) air cargo industry will still face its largest single transport challenge ever."
- ( ) warehouses. It is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its
- ( ) sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - one dose for everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (
- ( ) be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and theft."
- ( ) border controls. It said: "Vaccines will be highly valuable commodities. Arrangements must
- ( ) aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest logistical operations ever. Aviation
- ( ) of a vaccine. One critical element of this is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo hubs and
- ( ) in safely handling and moving the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be security and cross-
- ( ) experts have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the globe will require around 8,000 747 freight planes. This is
- ( ) IATA has warned governments that many obstacles must be overcome to ensure the effective distribution
- ( ) journey. This would require extensive training of staff worldwide, who must quickly become expert
- ( ) "Even if we assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

worldwide aircraft . for Governments cargo be will scrambling

sufficient This to doses . 7.8 billion is ship

for planning of the century . the mission Start

needed by vaccines be can land . The transported

its ever . Face challenge single largest transport

of hubs . controlled temperature creation The cargo

its at temperature Kept journey . same throughout the

require of staff This training extensive worldwide . would

a IATA would said security . further challenge be

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine.html>

Whenever scientists create a vaccine for COVID-19, governments worldwide will be *scamming* / *scrambling* for cargo aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest *logistical* / *logic* operations ever. Aviation *expats* / *experts* have forecast that transporting the vaccine across the *global* / *globe* will require around 8,000 747 *freight* / *fright* planes. This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses of any vaccine - one *dose* / *hose* for everyone on Earth. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has *waned* / *warned* governments they must start planning for the "mission of the *centurion* / *century*". It said: "Even if we assume that half the *needy* / *needed* vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face its largest single transport challenge *never* / *ever*."

IATA has warned governments that many *obstacles* / *tentacles* must be overcome *by* / *to* ensure the effective distribution of a vaccine. One critical element of *there* / *this* is the creation of temperature-controlled cargo hubs and warehouses. It is *essential* / *essence* the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout *its* / *one's* journey. This would require extensive training of staff worldwide, who must *quickly* / *quick* become expert in safely handling and *movement* / *moving* the vaccine. IATA said a further challenge would be *security* / *allergy* and cross-border controls. It said: "Vaccines will be *highly* / *height* valuable commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure *from* / *to* tampering and theft."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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iata has warned governments that many obstacles must be overcome to ensure the effective distribution of a vaccine one critical element of this is the creation of temperaturecontrolled cargo hubs and warehouses it is essential the vaccine be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey this would require extensive training of staff worldwide who must quickly become expert in safely handling and moving the vaccine iata said a further challenge would be security and crossborder controls it said vaccines will be highly valuable commodities arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and theft

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. VACCINES:** Make a poster about vaccines. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. LOGISTICS:** Write a magazine article about all governments having to be ready right now with enough planes to transport a COVID vaccine. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on vaccines. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to distribute the vaccine effectively. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. e    3. a    4. c    5. d    6. g    7. f  
8. j    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. n

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. g	3. a	4. f	5. c
6. j	7. i	8. e	9. d	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Cargo aircraft
2. Aviation experts
3. 7.8 billion
4. The mission of the century
5. The air cargo industry
6. Many obstacles
7. Cargo hubs and warehouses
8. Handling the virus
9. Border controls
10. Theft

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Governments worldwide will be scrambling for cargo aircraft.
2. This is sufficient to ship 7.8 billion doses.
3. Start planning for the mission of the century.
4. The needed vaccines can be transported by land.
5. Face its largest single transport challenge ever.
6. The creation of temperature controlled cargo hubs.
7. Kept at the same temperature throughout its journey.
8. This would require extensive training of staff worldwide.
9. IATA said a further challenge would be security.
10. Ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)