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World sends oxygen aid for India's COVID crisis

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

Many countries around the world are sending oxygen to India. This is because of India's current COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most populous country, with over 1.3 billion people. It is currently struggling to cope with its latest surge in the coronavirus pandemic. There are over 300,000 new cases every day - the largest number of daily cases ever experienced by any country. India's health system can no longer cope. There are not enough beds, and hospitals are turning away people with the virus. They have also run out of oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders to India. India's government has also arranged for Amazon to deliver 100 ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained how urgent it was to help India. He said: "We have all witnessed in the past year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary threat. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or race. This is exactly why we must work collectively to support each other." The WHO said the situation in India was "beyond heartbreaking". It said: "The WHO is doing everything we can, providing critical equipment and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile field hospitals and laboratory supplies." It added: "The growth that we have seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing."

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WARM-UPS

1. INDIA : Students walk around the class and talk to other students about India. 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?

countries / oxygen / billion / struggling / health system / hospitals / virus / India / urgent / the past year / pandemic / nationality / heartbreaking / equipment / growth

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

3. LOCKDOWN: Students A **strongly** believe the whole world should lock down for a month; Students B **strongly** believe this isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PANDEMIC: How good or bad are these ways of keeping safe in a pandemic? What do you do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good? / Bad?	What You Do
Hand washing		
Mask wearing		
Social distancing		
Not touching shared surfaces		
Ventilation		
Not talking in public		

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

6. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important equipment needed in a pandemic at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Syringes
- Alcohol
- Masks
- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Vaccines
- Oxygen
- Radios

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. current | a. A sudden large increase. |
| 2. populous | b. Trying very hard to get something in the face of difficulty. |
| 3. struggling | c. Having a large number of people living somewhere. |
| 4. cope | d. A machine to help people breathe. |
| 5. surge | e. Happening or being used or done now. |
| 6. cylinder | f. Deal effectively with something difficult. |
| 7. ventilator | g. A container for gas under pressure. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. urgent | h. Saw or experienced something. |
| 9. witnessed | i. Giving negative comments or judgments. |
| 10. regard | j. Extremely surprising or impressive; amazing. |
| 11. collectively | k. Attention to or concern for something. |
| 12. critical | l. Ready to move quickly to any place it is needed. |
| 13. mobile | m. As a group; as a whole. |
| 14. astonishing | n. Of a state or situation requiring immediate action or attention. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

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

- a. Every country is sending oxygen to India. **T / F**
- b. More than 1.3 billion people live in India. **T / F**
- c. India has the second largest number of daily cases of any country. **T / F**
- d. Hospitals are turning people away despite having enough beds. **T / F**
- e. A government spokesperson said the virus was a cross-border threat. **T / F**
- f. The spokesperson said we must all act together. **T / F**
- g. The WHO said it was doing all it could. **T / F**
- h. The WHO said the rise in case numbers wasn't true. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. world | a. together |
| 2. current | b. increase |
| 3. surge | c. organized |
| 4. cope | d. danger |
| 5. arranged | e. manage |
| 6. witnessed | f. honestly |
| 7. threat | g. present |
| 8. collectively | h. important |
| 9. critical | i. seen |
| 10. truly | j. globe |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. India is the world's second most | a. cases every day |
| 2. It is currently struggling to cope | b. "beyond heartbreaking" |
| 3. There are over 300,000 new | c. away people with the virus |
| 4. India's health system can no | d. and supplies |
| 5. hospitals are turning | e. populous country |
| 6. this pandemic is a trans- | f. case numbers |
| 7. we must work collectively | g. with its latest surge |
| 8. the situation in India was | h. boundary threat |
| 9. providing critical equipment | i. longer cope |
| 10. The growth that we have seen in | j. to support each other |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

Many countries around the world are (1) _____ oxygen to India. This is because of India's current COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most (2) _____ country, with over 1.3 billion people. It is currently struggling to cope with its latest surge in the coronavirus (3) _____. There are over 300,000 new cases every day - the largest number of (4) _____ cases ever experienced by any country. India's health system can no longer (5) _____. There are not enough beds, and hospitals are (6) _____ away people with the virus. They have also (7) _____ out of oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders to India. India's government has also arranged for Amazon to (8) _____ 100 ventilators.

run
pandemic
cope
deliver
sending
turning
populous
daily

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained how (9) _____ it was to help India. He said: "We have all witnessed in the (10) _____ year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary threat. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or (11) _____. This is exactly why we must work collectively to (12) _____ each other." The WHO said the situation in India was "(13) _____ heartbreaking". It said: "The WHO is doing everything we can, providing critical (14) _____ and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile field hospitals and (15) _____ supplies." It added: "The (16) _____ that we have seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing."

race
laboratory
urgent
beyond
growth
past
equipment
support

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

- 1) This is because of India's current _____
 - a. COVID-19 cry sis
 - b. COVID-19 cries is
 - c. COVID-19 crisis
 - d. COVID-19 cries sis
- 2) India is the world's second most _____
 - a. pop alas country
 - b. popular alas country
 - c. population country
 - d. populous country
- 3) It is currently struggling to cope with _____
 - a. its latest sarge
 - b. its latest surge
 - c. its latest splurge
 - d. its latest urge
- 4) India's health system can _____
 - a. no longer cope
 - b. no longer mope
 - c. no longer nope
 - d. no longer rope
- 5) India's government has also arranged for Amazon to _____
 - a. deliver 100 vent elates
 - b. deliver 100 ventilation
 - c. deliver 100 ventilator
 - d. deliver 100 ventilators
- 6) We have all witnessed in the past year how this pandemic is a _____
 - a. trans-bonding threat
 - b. trans-boundary treat
 - c. trans-boundary threat
 - d. trans-bound airy threat
- 7) It gives no regard for country, _____
 - a. nationality, of race
 - b. nationality, on race
 - c. nationality, or race
 - d. nationality, all race
- 8) The WHO said the situation in India was _____
 - a. behind heartbreaking
 - b. beyond heartbreaking
 - c. be yonder heartbreaking
 - d. be bond heartbreaking
- 9) doing everything we can, providing critical _____
 - a. equipment and suppliers
 - b. equip meant and supplies
 - c. equip mint and supplies
 - d. equipment and supplies
- 10) The growth that we have seen in case numbers is _____
 - a. really, truly astonishing
 - b. real, truly astonishing
 - c. really, true astonishing
 - d. real, true astonishing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

Many countries around the world (1) _____ to India. This is because of India's current COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most populous country, with over 1.3 billion people. It (2) _____ to cope with its latest surge in the coronavirus pandemic. There are over 300,000 new cases every day - the largest (3) _____ cases ever experienced by any country. India's health system can no longer cope. There are (4) _____, and hospitals are turning away people with the virus. They have also (5) _____ oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders to India. India's government has also arranged for Amazon (6) _____ ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained how (7) _____ to help India. He said: "We have all witnessed in the past year how this pandemic (8) _____ threat. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or race. This (9) _____ we must work collectively to support each other." The WHO said the situation in India (10) _____. It said: "The WHO is doing everything we can, (11) _____ and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile field hospitals and laboratory supplies." It added: "The growth that we have seen (12) _____ is really, truly astonishing."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

1. Where on the list of most populous countries is India?
2. How many people are there in India?
3. How many daily cases of COVID-19 is India having?
4. What does the article say there are not enough of?
5. Which two countries sent oxygen cylinders to India?
6. Which country's spokesperson spoke the urgency to help India?
7. What did the WHO say the situation was beyond?
8. What kind of equipment is the WHO providing?
9. What kind of hospitals is the WHO providing?
10. What did the WHO call the growth in case numbers?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

- 1) Where on the list of most-populous countries is India?
 - a) first
 - b) second
 - c) third
 - d) fourth
- 2) How many people are there in India?
 - a) around 1.3 billion
 - b) fewer than 1.3 billion
 - c) more than 1.3 billion
 - d) exactly 1.3 billion
- 3) How many daily cases of COVID-19 is India having?
 - a) more than 30,000,000
 - b) over three million
 - c) about 30,000
 - d) over 300,000
- 4) What does the article say there are not enough of?
 - a) vaccines
 - b) hospital beds
 - c) doctors
 - d) syringes
- 5) Which two countries sent oxygen cylinders to India?
 - a) Singapore and the UK
 - b) Singapore and the USA
 - c) the USA and the UK
 - d) China and Ecuador
- 6) Which country's spokesperson spoke the urgency to help India?
 - a) Singapore
 - b) Ecuador
 - c) the UK
 - d) China
- 7) What did the WHO say the situation was beyond?
 - a) help
 - b) time
 - c) vaccines
 - d) heartbreaking
- 8) What kind of equipment is the WHO providing?
 - a) technical equipment
 - b) second-hand equipment
 - c) critical equipment
 - d) useful equipment
- 9) What kind of hospitals is the WHO providing?
 - a) A&E hospitals
 - b) army hospitals
 - c) city hospitals
 - d) mobile field hospitals
- 10) What did the WHO call the growth in case numbers?
 - a) really worrying
 - b) truly astonishing
 - c) highly disturbing
 - d) extremely concerning

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Syringes

You think syringes are the most important things in a pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): masks, radios or hand sanitizer.

Role B – Masks

You think masks are the most important things in a pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): syringes, radios or hand sanitizer.

Role C – Radios

You think radios are the most important things in a pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): masks, syringes or hand sanitizer.

Role D – Hand Sanitizer

You think hand sanitizer is the most important thing in a pandemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): masks, radios or syringes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

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

oxygen	aid
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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">• current• second• latest• any• enough• much	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• urgent• past• exactly• race• can• growth
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INDIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about India 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.

OXYGEN AID 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 'oxygen'?
3. What do you know of the crisis in India?
4. How can the world help India?
5. How is your country dealing with the COVID crisis?
6. What happens when a health system can no longer cope?
7. What advice do you have for India's leaders?
8. What is the best way to deal with a surge in coronavirus cases?
9. How useful are lockdowns during a pandemic?
10. When do you think the pandemic will be over?

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OXYGEN AID 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 " "?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How has coronavirus changed the world?
15. How has coronavirus changed your life?
16. How can we support each other better?
17. What is the best thing Indians can do in the next few weeks?
18. What can you do to help the people of India?
19. What do you think the headlines will be in India in two weeks?
20. What questions would you like to ask a COVID doctor?

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

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Many countries around the world are sending oxygen to India. This is because of India's (1) _____ COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most (2) _____ country, with over 1.3 billion people. It is currently struggling to cope with its latest (3) _____ in the coronavirus pandemic. There are over 300,000 new cases every day - the largest number of daily cases ever experienced by any country. India's health system can no (4) _____ cope. There are not enough beds, and hospitals are turning away people with the virus. They have also run (5) _____ of oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders to India. India's government has also arranged (6) _____ Amazon to deliver 100 ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained (7) _____ urgent it was to help India. He said: "We have all witnessed (8) _____ the past year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary threat. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or race. This is (9) _____ why we must work collectively to support each other." The WHO said the situation in India was "beyond heartbreaking". It said: "The WHO is doing (10) _____ we can, providing critical equipment and supplies, including thousands (11) _____ oxygen concentrators, mobile field hospitals and laboratory supplies." It added: "The growth that we have seen in case numbers is really, (12) _____ astonishing."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) presently | (b) current | (c) currant | (d) presence |
| 2. | (a) population | (b) populous | (c) populate | (d) poplar |
| 3. | (a) sarge | (b) sage | (c) saga | (d) surge |
| 4. | (a) lengthen | (b) longer | (c) longing | (d) longs |
| 5. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) down | (d) out |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for | (d) as |
| 7. | (a) how | (b) that | (c) which | (d) thus |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 9. | (a) accurate | (b) thorough | (c) precise | (d) exactly |
| 10. | (a) everything | (b) nothing | (c) something | (d) thing |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) truly | (b) truth | (c) true | (d) truer |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. India's current COVID-19 isicrs
2. India is the world's second most puospul country
3. It is currently glutgsring to cope
4. its latest sgure in the coronavirus pandemic
5. much-needed oxygen cedlrsiyn
6. deliver 100 oanrieltvts

Paragraph 2

7. A Singapore Foreign Affairs peksporeossn
8. explained how grnute it was to help India
9. no regard for country, aitontaniyl, or race
10. we must work toleiclclyev
11. the situation in India was beyond gbrnrahkitae
12. field hospitals and laboratory lssppuie

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () hospitals and laboratory supplies." It added: "The growth that we have
- () A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained how urgent it was to
- () struggling to cope with its latest surge in the coronavirus pandemic. There are over 300,000 new
- (**1**) Many countries around the world are sending oxygen to India. This is because of India's current
- () COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most populous country, with over 1.3 billion people. It is currently
- () other." The WHO said the situation in India was "beyond heartbreaking". It said: "The WHO is doing everything we
- () cases every day - the largest number of daily cases ever experienced by any country. India's health
- () can, providing critical equipment and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile field
- () help India. He said: "We have all witnessed in the past year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary
- () system can no longer cope. There are not enough beds, and hospitals are turning
- () needed oxygen cylinders to India. India's government has also arranged for Amazon to deliver 100 ventilators.
- () seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing."
- () away people with the virus. They have also run out of oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-
- () threat. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or race. This is exactly why we must work collectively to support each

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

1. India oxygen . world the sending are Countries around
2. second is most world's India country . populous the
3. struggling latest its to surge . It's with cope
4. ever number experienced . The of cases largest daily
5. the people virus . with away turning Hospitals are
6. explained help . it how to urgent was Osman
7. the past in We've witnessed this year . all
8. is exactly work must we why collectively . This
9. beyond was heartbreaking . The India in situation
10. growth in cases . that we seen The have

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

Many countries around the world are sending oxygen to India. This is because of India's *current / curreant* COVID-19 crisis. India is the world's second most *population / populous* country, with over 1.3 billion people. It is currently struggling to *coup / cope* with its latest surge in the coronavirus pandemic. There are over 300,000 new cases every *day / daily* - the largest number of daily cases ever experienced by *any / many* country. India's health system can no longer cope. There are not *plenty / enough* beds, and hospitals are *turning / tuning* away people with the virus. They have also run out *off / of* oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders *at / to* India. India's government has also arranged for Amazon to *deliver / delivery* 100 ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson, Dr Maliki Osman, explained *why / how* urgent it was to help India. He said: "We have all *witness / witnessed* in the past year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary *threat / threaten*. It gives no regard for country, nationality, or *grace / race*. This is exactly why we must work collectively to support each *another / other*." The WHO said the situation in India was "*beyond / yonder* heartbreaking". It said: "The WHO is doing everything we can, providing *critique / critical* equipment and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile *field / pitch* hospitals and laboratory *replies / supplies*." It added: "The growth that we have seen *in / on* case numbers is really, truly astonishing."

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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M_ny c__ntr__s _r__nd th_ w_rld _r_ s_nd_ng _xyg_n
t_ _nd__. Th_s _s b_c__s_ _f _nd__'s c_rr_nt C_V_D-
19 cr_s_s. _nd__ _s th_ w_rld's s_c_nd m_st p_p_l__s
c__ntry, w_th _v_r 1.3 b_ll__n p__pl_. _t _s c_rr_ntly
str_ggl_ng t_ c_p_ w_th _ts l_t_st s_rg_ _n th_
c_r_n_v_r_s p_nd_m_c. Th_r_ _r_ _v_r 300,000 n_w
c_s_s _v_ry d_y - th_ l_rg_st n_mb_r _f d__ly c_s_s
_v_r _xp_r__nc_d by _ny c__ntry. _nd__'s h__lth
syst_m c_n n_ l_ng_r c_p_. Th_r_ _r_ n_t _n__gh
b_ds, _nd h_sp_t_ls _r_ t_rn_ng _w_y p__pl_ w_th th_
v_r_s. Th_y h_v_ _ls_ r_n __t _f _xyg_n. S_ng_p_r_
nd th _K h_v_ s_nt m_ch-n__d_d _xyg_n cyl_nd_rs
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_m_z_n t_ d_l_v_r 100 v_nt_l_t_rs.

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_sm_n, _xpl__n_d h_w _rg_nt _t w_s t_ h_l_p _nd__.
H_ s__d: "W_ h_v_ _ll w_tn_ss_d _n th_ p_st y__r
h_w th_s p_nd_m_c _s _ trns-b__nd_ry thr__t. _t
g_v_s n_ r_g_rd f_r c__ntry, n_t__n_l_ty, _r r_c_.
Th_s _s _x_ctly why w_ m_st w_rk c_ll_ct_v_ly t_
s_pp_rt __ch _th_r." Th_ WH_ s__d th_ s_t__t__n _n
_nd__ w_s "b_y_nd h__rtbr__k_ng". _t s__d: "Th_ WH_
_s d__ng _v_ryth_ng w_ c_n, pr_v_d_ng cr_t_c_l
_q__pm_nt _nd s_ppl__s, _ncl_d_ng th__s_nds _f
_xyg_n c_nc_ntr_t_rs, m_b_l_ f__ld h_sp_t_ls _nd
l_b_r_t_ry s_ppl__s." _t _dd_d: "Th_ gr_wth th_t w_
h_v_ s__n _n c_s_ n_mb_rs _s r__lly, tr_ly
_st_n_sh_ng."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid.html>

many countries around the world are sending oxygen to india. this is because of india's current covid-19 crisis. india is the world's second most populous country, with over 1.3 billion people. it is currently struggling to cope with its latest surge in the coronavirus pandemic. there are over 300,000 new cases every day - the largest number of daily cases ever experienced by any country. india's health system can no longer cope. there are not enough beds, and hospitals are turning away people with the virus. they have also run out of oxygen. singapore and the uk have sent much-needed oxygen cylinders to india. india's government has also arranged for amazon to deliver 100 ventilators.

a singapore foreign affairs spokesperson, dr maliki osman, explained how urgent it was to help india. he said: "we have all witnessed in the past year how this pandemic is a trans-boundary threat. it gives no regard for country, nationality, or race. this is exactly why we must work collectively to support each other." the who said the situation in india was "beyond heartbreaking". it said: "the who is doing everything we can, providing critical equipment and supplies, including thousands of oxygen concentrators, mobile field hospitals and laboratory supplies." it added: "the growth that we have seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing."

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. INDIA: Make a poster about India. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LOCKDOWN: Write a magazine article about having a month-long global lockdown to rid the world of COVID-19. 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 India. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can help India during its COVID crisis. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Second
- More than 1.3 billion
- Over 300,000
- Hospital beds
- Singapore and the UK
- Singapore
- Heartbreaking
- Critical equipment
- Mobile field hospitals
- Truly astonishing

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Countries around the world are sending India oxygen.
- India is the world's second most populous country.
- It's struggling to cope with its latest surge.
- The largest number of daily cases ever experienced.
- Hospitals are turning away people with the virus.
- Osman explained how urgent it was to help.
- We've all witnessed this in the past year.
- This is exactly why we must work collectively.
- The situation in India was beyond heartbreaking.
- The growth that we have seen in cases.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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