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Level 0 – 18th November, 2021

Scorpions sting more than 500 people in Egypt

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

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THE READING

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Scorpions stung 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain brought hundreds of scorpions into people's homes. Many people went to hospital. Doctors gave them injections. Some people were in a lot of pain and had fever. A weather expert asked farmers to be careful in their fields. He also asked people to be careful of snakes.

The scorpions are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". They can kill a human in an hour. They live in the mountains. The weather expert asked people to wear shoes. He said scorpion numbers would go down after the rain dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpions are deadly.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/nov/16/more-than-500-stung-by-scorpions-flushed-out-by-storms-in-egypt>
<https://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-warns-aswan-residents-of-scorpions-and-snakes/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Scorpions stung | a. lot of pain |
| 2. heavy | b. of scorpions |
| 3. hundreds | c. to hospital |
| 4. into people's | d. rain |
| 5. Many people went | e. expert |
| 6. Doctors gave them | f. homes |
| 7. Some people were in a | g. injections |
| 8. a weather | h. 500 people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The scorpions are Arabian | a. would go down |
| 2. Their nickname | b. kill a human |
| 3. They can | c. the mountains |
| 4. in an | d. expert |
| 5. They live in | e. dried up |
| 6. weather | f. fat-tailed scorpions |
| 7. scorpion numbers | g. hour |
| 8. after the rain | h. is "man-killer" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scorpions (1) _____ in Egypt. Heavy rain (2) _____ scorpions into people's homes. Many people (3) _____. Doctors gave them injections. Some people were (4) _____ of pain and had fever. (5) _____ asked farmers to be careful in their fields. He also asked people to (6) _____ snakes.

The scorpions are Arabian (7) _____. Their nickname (8) _____. They can kill a human (9) _____. They live in the mountains. The weather expert (10) _____ wear shoes. He said scorpion numbers would (11) _____ the rain dried up. Less than one per cent (12) _____ scorpions are deadly.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCORPIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about scorpions 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) _____

