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Level 4 – 23rd May, 2022

More cases of monkeypox detected worldwide

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The idiom, "it never rains, but it pours" explains how difficult situations quickly follow each other. Just as COVID-19 is being brought under control, another potential threat has arrived. The WHO reported 120 worldwide cases of the rare monkeypox virus. It has been detected in Europe, the USA, Canada and Australia. The WHO said it could spread further. The WHO is concerned that the summer's festivals and parties will accelerate the spread.

Monkeypox is rarely fatal and most cases are mild. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, exhaustion and rashes. It usually clears up in a month. Monkeypox was first found in monkeys in 1958. It spreads from rodents to people. It can also spread from person to person. Scientists say a smallpox vaccine is 85 per cent effective against monkeypox. Despite this figure, virologists are on high alert. They are tracking the spread of cases.

Sources: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-01421-8>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/20/who-monkeypox-warning-cases-spread-europe>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. it never rains, but | a. 120 worldwide cases |
| 2. COVID-19 is being brought | b. festivals |
| 3. another potential | c. it pours |
| 4. The WHO reported | d. the spread |
| 5. It has been detected | e. threat |
| 6. The WHO said it could | f. in Europe |
| 7. summer's | g. under control |
| 8. parties will accelerate | h. spread further |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Monkeypox is rarely | a. up in a month |
| 2. most cases | b. high alert |
| 3. muscle | c. 85% effective |
| 4. It usually clears | d. are mild |
| 5. It spreads from | e. spread of cases |
| 6. a smallpox vaccine is | f. rodents to people |
| 7. virologists are on | g. fatal |
| 8. They are tracking the | h. aches |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The idiom, "it never rains, (1) _____" explains how difficult situations quickly (2) _____. Just as COVID-19 is being brought under control, another (3) _____ arrived. The WHO reported 120 worldwide cases of the rare monkeypox virus. It has (4) _____ Europe, the USA, Canada and Australia. The WHO said it could spread further. The WHO (5) _____ the summer's festivals and parties will (6) _____.

Monkeypox (7) _____ and most cases are mild. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, (8) _____. It usually clears up in a month. Monkeypox was first found in monkeys in 1958. It (9) _____ to people. It can also spread from person to person. Scientists say (10) _____ is 85 per cent effective against monkeypox. (11) _____, virologists are on high alert. They are (12) _____ of cases.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MONKEYPOX SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about monkeypox 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) _____

