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Level 5 – 30th January 2023

Urgent search for lost radioactive capsule in Australia

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230130-radioactive-capsule-5.html>

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230130-radioactive-capsule-5.html>

Australia has issued an alert over a missing radioactive capsule. State officials in Western Australia warned residents of a "radioactive substance risk" in regions including the state capital Perth. The search is now on for the 8mm x 6mm capsule. It contains the harmful and radioactive substance Caesium-137. It has enough of the radioactive material to "cause serious health consequences". The capsule went missing while it was being transported from a mining town to a suburb of Perth. Officials think it fell through a hole in the truck transporting it.

Western Australia's chief health officer urged caution if anyone finds the capsule. He warned: "Exposure to this substance could cause radiation burns or severe illness. If people see the capsule or something that looks similar, stay away from it." He added: "If you are very close to the material, the radiation risk increases immensely and could cause serious damage to your health, including causing radiation burns to the skin." Being within a metre of the capsule could expose someone to radiation levels that are the equivalent of ten X-rays.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/search-underway-radioactive-capsule-missing-australia-2023-01-28/>
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/western-australians-warned-over-radioactive-capsule-lost-on-highway-0sq7zgphk>
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-27/radioactive-capsule-lost-in-wa-emergency-public-health-warning/101901472>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Australia has issued | a. the state capital |
| 2. officials in Western Australia | b. consequences |
| 3. a radioactive substance | c. radioactive substance |
| 4. in regions including | d. warned residents |
| 5. The search is now | e. risk |
| 6. It contains the harmful and | f. from a mining town |
| 7. cause serious health | g. an alert |
| 8. it was being transported | h. on |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Australia's chief health officer urged | a. to the skin |
| 2. cause radiation burns or | b. similar |
| 3. something that looks | c. of ten X-rays |
| 4. the radiation risk increases | d. caution |
| 5. cause serious damage to | e. to radiation levels |
| 6. causing radiation burns | f. immensely |
| 7. expose someone | g. your health |
| 8. the equivalent | h. severe illness |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australia has (1) _____ over a missing radioactive capsule. State officials in Western Australia (2) _____ a "radioactive substance risk" in regions including the state capital Perth. The search (3) _____ for the 8mm x 6mm capsule. It contains the harmful and radioactive substance Caesium-137. It has enough of the radioactive (4) _____ serious health consequences". The capsule went (5) _____ was being transported from a mining town to a suburb of Perth. Officials think it (6) _____ hole in the truck transporting it.

Western Australia's (7) _____ urged caution if anyone finds the capsule. He warned: "Exposure to this substance could cause radiation burns (8) _____. If people see the capsule or something that looks similar, stay away from it." He added: "If you are (9) _____ the material, the radiation risk increases immensely (10) _____ serious damage to your health, including causing (11) _____ the skin." Being within a metre of the capsule could expose someone to radiation levels that are (12) _____ ten X-rays.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230130-radioactive-capsule-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about radioactive material 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) _____

