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**Level 0** – 20th January, 2020

## One in five deaths worldwide due to sepsis

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200120-sepsis-0.html>

We know the names of killers like cancer, but not sepsis. This is dangerous. It is one of the world's biggest killers. Sepsis happens when our body puts too many chemicals into our blood to fight disease. The chemicals can damage our organs and kill us. Doctors once called this blood poisoning. Most sepsis cases are in children.

A study in a medical journal said 50 million people a year get sepsis. Twenty per cent of these die. This is double what we thought. Sepsis kills more people than cancer. A doctor is "alarmed" because sepsis, "is both preventable and treatable". He wants to stop sepsis killing babies. Doctors can treat sepsis with antibiotics.

Sources: <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/deaths-caused-disease-heard/story?id=68354737>  
<https://www.livescience.com/sepsis-deaths-worldwide.html>  
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/sepsis-cancer-research-study-nhs-a4336621.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200120-sepsis-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. We know the names of killers | a. poisoning       |
| 2. This is                      | b. killers         |
| 3. one of the world's biggest   | c. are in children |
| 4. puts too many chemicals      | d. dangerous       |
| 5. fight                        | e. into our blood  |
| 6. damage our organs            | f. disease         |
| 7. blood                        | g. like cancer     |
| 8. Most sepsis cases            | h. and kill us     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A study in a medical       | a. killing babies  |
| 2. 50 million people a year   | b. what we thought |
| 3. This is double             | c. antibiotics     |
| 4. Sepsis kills more people   | d. get sepsis      |
| 5. A doctor                   | e. and treatable   |
| 6. sepsis is both preventable | f. than cancer     |
| 7. He wants to stop sepsis    | g. journal         |
| 8. treat sepsis with          | h. is alarmed      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200120-sepsis-0.html>

We know the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ like cancer, but not sepsis. This is dangerous. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's biggest killers. Sepsis happens when (3) \_\_\_\_\_ too many chemicals into (4) \_\_\_\_\_ fight disease. The chemicals can damage our (5) \_\_\_\_\_ us. Doctors once called this blood poisoning. Most sepsis (6) \_\_\_\_\_ children.

A study (7) \_\_\_\_\_ journal said 50 million people a year get sepsis. Twenty per cent (8) \_\_\_\_\_. This is double (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Sepsis kills more people than cancer. A doctor (10) \_\_\_\_\_ sepsis, "is both preventable and treatable". He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ sepsis killing babies. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ sepsis with antibiotics.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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. It is one of the world's biggest killers. Sepsis happens when our body puts  
too many chemicals into our blood to fight disease. The chemicals can damage  
our organs and kill us. Doctors once called this blood poisoning. Most  
sepsis cases are in children. A study in a medical journal said 50 million people  
a year get sepsis. Twenty percent of these die. This is double what we  
thought. Sepsis kills more people than cancer. A doctor is "alarmed" because  
sepsis, "is both preventable and treatable". He wants to stop sepsis  
killing babies. Doctors can't treat sepsis with antibiotics.

# SEPSIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200120-sepsis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sepsis 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) \_\_\_\_\_

