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Level 1 – 24th January, 2020

Coronavirus heightens global alarm

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-1.html>

There could be an outbreak of a deadly new virus. The coronavirus started in Wuhan, China. It has killed 17 people and has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The WHO will decide if the outbreak is a global emergency. China is telling people not to panic. The Chinese New Year is next week. Millions of people will travel across China to be with their families. Wuhan has stopped its public transport systems to help stop the spread of the virus.

The coronavirus may have come from animals in a market. The virus changed and spread to a human. It could change and spread more. The virus is catching. It passes to people through the air. A virologist said the new coronavirus is like SARS, but different. He said it has pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, cough and breathing problems. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, is fearful because there's no cure for the virus.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. an outbreak of | a. not to panic |
| 2. spread | b. of the virus |
| 3. the outbreak is a | c. transport |
| 4. China is telling people | d. to the USA |
| 5. The Chinese New Year | e. with their families |
| 6. travel across China to be | f. global emergency |
| 7. public | g. a deadly new virus |
| 8. stop the spread | h. is next week |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. It could change and | a. is like SARS |
| 2. The virus is | b. for the virus |
| 3. It passes to people | c. catching |
| 4. the new coronavirus | d. problems |
| 5. pneumonia- | e. through the air |
| 6. breathing | f. from Beijing |
| 7. a 36-year-old woman | g. spread more |
| 8. there's no cure | h. like symptoms |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There could (1) _____ of a deadly new virus. The coronavirus started in Wuhan, China. (2) _____ 17 people and (3) _____ the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The WHO will decide if the outbreak is a global emergency. China is telling people (4) _____. The Chinese New Year (5) _____. Millions of people will travel across China to be with their families. Wuhan has stopped its public transport systems to help (6) _____ of the virus.

The coronavirus (7) _____ from animals in a market. The virus changed and (8) _____ human. It could change and spread more. The (9) _____. It passes to people (10) _____. A virologist said the new coronavirus is like SARS, but different. He said it has pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, (11) _____ problems. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, is fearful because there's (12) _____ the virus.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about coronavirus 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) _____

