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Coronavirus heightens global alarm

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world is preparing for a possible outbreak of a deadly new virus. The coronavirus started in the Chinese city of Wuhan. It has killed 17 people. Over 540 people are in hospital. It has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The World Health Organization is to decide whether the outbreak is a global health emergency. China is telling people not to panic. The Chinese New Year is next week and millions of people will travel across China to spend the holiday with their families. Meanwhile, Wuhan has suspended its public transport systems to help stop the spread of the virus.

The new coronavirus may have come from animals in a Wuhan market. The virus mutated and spread to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread further. The virus is contagious. It can pass from person to person through the air. Virologist Dr Linfa Wang said the new coronavirus is in the same family as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people should look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, cough and breathing problems. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no cure for the virus."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The world is preparing for | a. transport |
| 2. a deadly | b. to the USA |
| 3. Over 540 people | c. new virus |
| 4. It has spread | d. not to panic |
| 5. the outbreak is a global | e. with their families |
| 6. China is telling people | f. a possible outbreak |
| 7. spend the holiday | g. health emergency |
| 8. public | h. are in hospital |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The virus mutated | a. woman from Beijing |
| 2. it could mutate and | b. and spread |
| 3. It can pass | c. for the virus |
| 4. in the same family | d. from person to person |
| 5. pneumonia- | e. problems |
| 6. breathing | f. as SARS |
| 7. a 36-year-old | g. spread further |
| 8. there's no cure | h. like symptoms |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world is preparing for a (1) _____ a deadly new virus. The coronavirus started in the Chinese city of Wuhan. It has killed 17 people. Over 540 (2) _____ hospital. It has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The World Health Organization is (3) _____ the outbreak is a global health emergency. China is telling people (4) _____. The Chinese New Year is next week and millions of people will travel across China to (5) _____ with their families. Meanwhile, Wuhan has suspended its public transport systems to help (6) _____ of the virus.

The new coronavirus (7) _____ from animals in a Wuhan market. The virus (8) _____ to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread further. The virus is contagious. It (9) _____ person to person through the air. Virologist Dr Linfa Wang said the new coronavirus is in the (10) _____ SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people should look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as (11) _____ breathing problems. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "(12) _____ because there's no cure for the virus."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **coronavirus** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
