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Level 2 – 8th March, 2020

Men start washing hands because of coronavirus

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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 spread of COVID-19 has made men wash their hands more often, especially after using the toilet. A survey of 2,000 men found that 32 per cent of them did not wash their hands after using the toilet. Social media is now reporting that more men are washing their hands since the outbreak of COVID-19. People tweeted that a month ago, it was unusual to see a man using sinks in public toilets. Since the outbreak, more men are washing their hands in public toilets. A writer wrote: "For once, there are lines in men's restrooms as coronavirus makes men wash their hands for the first time."

Governments have stressed the importance of regular handwashing - not just after using the bathroom but also during the day. Regular handwashing is the best way to stop the coronavirus. Doctors in the UK and USA have told people to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds - or the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. A radio station caller said he realised men were washing their hands more when he used toilets on a highway. He said: "There were eight sinks and men were washing their hands in all of them." He said the men were spending a long time washing their hands.

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-8078807/Disgusting-Men-started-washing-hands-using-toilet-Twitter-users-claim.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The spread | a. not wash their hands |
| 2. especially after | b. sinks |
| 3. A survey of | c. in men's restrooms |
| 4. 32 per cent of them did | d. using the toilet |
| 5. since the | e. toilets |
| 6. unusual to see a man using | f. 2,000 men |
| 7. public | g. outbreak |
| 8. there are lines | h. of COVID-19 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Governments have stressed the | a. the coronavirus |
| 2. regular | b. a long time |
| 3. during | c. sing "Happy Birthday" |
| 4. the best way to stop | d. handwashing |
| 5. wash their hands for at | e. all of them |
| 6. the time it takes to | f. least 20 seconds |
| 7. washing their hands in | g. importance |
| 8. spending | h. the day |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ COVID-19 has made men wash their hands more often, (2) _____ the toilet. A survey of 2,000 men found that 32 per cent of them did not wash their hands after using the toilet. Social media (3) _____ that more men are washing their hands since the outbreak of COVID-19. People tweeted that a month ago, (4) _____ to see a man using sinks in public toilets. (5) _____, more men are washing their hands in public toilets. A writer wrote: "For once, there (6) _____ men's restrooms as coronavirus makes men wash their hands for the first time."

Governments (7) _____ importance of regular handwashing - not just after using the bathroom (8) _____ the day. Regular handwashing is the best way to stop the coronavirus. Doctors in the UK and USA have told (9) _____ their hands for at least 20 seconds - or the time it (10) _____ "Happy Birthday" twice. A radio station caller said he realised men were washing their hands more when he used toilets (11) _____. He said: "There were eight sinks and men were washing their hands in all of them." He said the men were spending (12) _____ washing their hands.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HANDWASHING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200308-handwashing-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about handwashing 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) _____

