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Scientists develop COVID-19 vaccine

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THE ARTICLE

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In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be stored at temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."

Sources: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-11-10/editorial-a-ray-of-hope-for-the-pandemics-end-in-2021>
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03166-8>
<https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-announce-vaccine-candidate-against>

WARM-UPS

1. COVID-19 VACCINE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about COVID-19 vaccine. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

year / tragic / good news / breakthrough / virus / drug company / vaccine / positive / health / experts / temperatures / a great day / infection rates / hospitals / global crisis

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BACK TO NORMAL: Students A **strongly** believe life will be back to normal soon; Students B **strongly** believe it will not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GOOD NEWS: What was the last good news you heard about these things? How did you feel? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good News	How Did You Feel?
Friends		
Family		
English		
Hobby		
Your country		
Your town		

5. DRUG: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "drug". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BREAKTHROUGHS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest breakthroughs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A cure for cancer
- Zero emission cars
- Ending dementia
- Bases on Mars
- Laser pens to seal wounds
- Jet packs
- Global wi-fi
- Anti-ageing pills

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. tragic | a. Unusually great. |
| 2. finally | b. Something that is very, very, very sad. |
| 3. breakthrough | c. The bad things that might happen to you if you take a drug, medicine or have medical treatment. |
| 4. pharmaceutical | d. After a long time. |
| 5. side effects | e. Relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation, use, or sale. |
| 6. infectious | f. A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development. |
| 7. extraordinary | g. Of a disease (or something else) that can spread from person to person. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. experts | h. A person who has lots and lots and lots of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 9. available | i. A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger. |
| 10. stored | j. There and able to be used or got. |
| 11. upbeat | k. Having difficulty managing, handling or coping with something. |
| 12. milestone | l. Kept somewhere for future use. |
| 13. struggling | m. Cheerful; optimistic; feeling positive about the future. |
| 14. crisis | n. An action or event that is a big and important change or stage in development. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said the year 2020 has been only bad news. **T / F**
- b. There is a COVID-19 vaccine from German and American companies. **T / F**
- c. The article said the vaccine has a 90.2% success rate. **T / F**
- d. A doctor of infectious diseases called the vaccine extraordinary. **T / F**
- e. Health experts say the vaccine will be available within weeks. **T / F**
- f. The vaccine has to be stored in temperatures just below freezing. **T / F**
- g. A drug company CEO said it was a great day for science and humanity. **T / F**
- h. The CEO said the global health crisis is now over. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. largely | a. amazing |
| 2. finally | b. created |
| 3. drug | c. positive |
| 4. developed | d. at last |
| 5. extraordinary | e. specialists |
| 6. experts | f. emergency |
| 7. stored | g. mainly |
| 8. upbeat | h. important |
| 9. significant | i. pharmaceutical |
| 10. crisis | j. kept |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. In a year that has largely been full | a. side effects |
| 2. there is finally | b. developed a vaccine |
| 3. a breakthrough in the fight | c. closer |
| 4. researchers say they have | d. some good news |
| 5. the vaccine does not cause serious | e. and humanity |
| 6. the vaccine is widely available | f. of -80° Celsius |
| 7. stored at temperatures | g. of bad and tragic news |
| 8. Today is a great day for science | h. new records |
| 9. Infection rates are setting | i. against the virus |
| 10. we are a significant step | j. for people to take |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

In a year that has (1) _____ been full of bad and (2) _____ news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a (3) _____ in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. (4) _____ company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have (5) _____ a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side (6) _____. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and (7) _____ Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean (8) _____."

breakthrough
developed
extraordinary
tragic
Infectious
drug
largely
effects

Health (9) _____ say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be (10) _____ at temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was (11) _____ about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity...We are reaching this critical (12) _____ in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection (13) _____ are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are (14) _____ to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step (15) _____ to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health (16) _____."

rates
stored
closer
milestone
experts
crisis
upbeat
struggling

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) In a year that has largely been full of bad _____
 - a. and tragically news
 - b. and drudgery news
 - c. and traffic news
 - d. and tragic news
- 2) finally some good news. Scientists have _____
 - a. announced a broke through
 - b. announced a breaking through
 - c. announced a break though
 - d. announced a breakthrough
- 3) they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per _____
 - a. cent success rate
 - b. cent successes rate
 - c. cent successful rate
 - d. cent suck cells rate
- 4) The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause _____
 - a. serious side effects
 - b. serious side affects
 - c. serious side infects
 - d. serious side efforts
- 5) He said: "The results are really quite good, _____."
 - a. I mean extraordinarily
 - b. I mean extra order nearing
 - c. I mean extraordinary
 - d. I mean ex-trade a nary
- 6) Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine _____
 - a. is deeply available
 - b. is widely available
 - c. is shallowly available
 - d. is narrowly available
- 7) He said: "Today is a great day for _____"
 - a. science and human
 - b. science and humanity
 - c. science and humane
 - d. science and human natty
- 8) needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are _____"
 - a. setting new record
 - b. setting new recorders
 - c. setting new recordings
 - d. setting new records
- 9) hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are _____
 - a. struggle in two reopen
 - b. struggle inn to reopen
 - c. struggling to reopen
 - d. struggling two reopen
- 10) a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this _____
 - a. globally health crises
 - b. global health crisis
 - c. global healthy crisis
 - d. global healthy crises

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

In a year that has largely been full of (1) _____ news because of COVID-19, there (2) _____ good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight (3) _____. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent (4) _____ protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause (5) _____. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are (6) _____, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is (7) _____ people to take. It needs to (8) _____ temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for (9) _____....We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "(10) _____ setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we (11) _____ step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

1. What kind of news did the article say this year has been largely full of?
2. What two countries are the companies that developed the vaccine from?
3. What kind of success rate does the vaccine have?
4. What did the article say the vaccine does not cause?
5. What did Dr. Fauci say about the results, in addition to, "quite good"?
6. How long did experts say it would be before the vaccine is available?
7. At what temperature does the new vaccine need to be stored?
8. What did Pfizer's CEO say "today" was a great day for?
9. What did the CEO say was nearing over-capacity?
10. What did the CEO say the vaccine could bring an end to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

- 1) What kind of news did the article say this year has been largely full of?
 - a) medical news
 - b) bad and tragic news
 - c) pandemic news
 - d) doom and gloom
- 2) What two countries are the companies that developed the vaccine from?
 - a) the USA and Canada
 - b) Canada and Japan
 - c) Japan and Germany
 - d) the USA and Germany
- 3) What kind of success rate does the vaccine have?
 - a) 90%
 - b) 60%
 - c) 70%
 - d) 80%
- 4) What did the article say the vaccine does not cause?
 - a) headaches
 - b) re-infections
 - c) serious side effects
 - d) a pandemic
- 5) What did Dr. Fauci say about the results, in addition to "quite good"?
 - a) rather good
 - b) extraordinary
 - c) not too bad
 - d) promising
- 6) How long did experts say it would be before the vaccine is available?
 - a) months
 - b) years
 - c) weeks
 - d) three months
- 7) At what temperature does the new vaccine need to be stored?
 - a) -90°C
 - b) -60°C
 - c) -80°C
 - d) -70°C
- 8) What did Pfizer's CEO say "today" was a great day for?
 - a) science and humanity
 - b) research and universities
 - c) hospitals and clinics
 - d) people worldwide
- 9) What did the CEO say was nearing over-capacity?
 - a) hospitals
 - b) the pandemic
 - c) research universities
 - d) his InBox
- 10) What did the CEO say the vaccine could bring an end to?
 - a) economic damage
 - b) worry
 - c) disease
 - d) the global health crisis

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

Role A – A Cure For Cancer

You think a cure for cancer is the most important scientific breakthrough. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their breakthroughs aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): zero-emission cars, bases on Mars or anti-ageing pills.

Role B – Zero-Emission Cars

You think zero-emission cars is the most important scientific breakthrough. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their breakthroughs aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a cure for cancer, bases on Mars or anti-ageing pills.

Role C – Bases On Mars

You think bases on Mars is the most important scientific breakthrough. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their breakthroughs aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): zero-emission cars, a cure for cancer or anti-ageing pills.

Role D – Anti-Ageing Pills

You think anti-ageing pills is the most important scientific breakthrough. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their breakthroughs aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): zero-emission cars, bases on Mars or a cure for cancer.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'virus' and 'vaccine'.

virus	vaccine
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tragic• fight• drug• side• head• quite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• months• upbeat• today• records• reopen• end
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COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about COVID-19 vaccine 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.

COVID-19 VACCINE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'vaccine'?
3. What do you think of this news?
4. Has this news changed your life in any way?
5. What do you know about COVID-19?
6. What do you think of the year 2020?
7. How worried are you about COVID-19?
8. How has COVID-19 changed your life?
9. Will you have the new vaccine?
10. Would you be worried about the side effects of having the vaccine?

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COVID-19 VACCINE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'COVID-19'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Who should be among the first people to get the vaccine?
15. How big an achievement is the vaccine?
16. How has COVID-19 affected your country's economy?
17. What will you do once the COVID-19 crisis is over?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What should the world learn from the COVID-19 pandemic?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Health experts say it will be (7) _____ before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be stored at temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was (8) _____ about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day (9) _____ science and humanity....We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection (10) _____ are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are (11) _____ to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an (12) _____ to this global health crisis."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) big | (b) huge | (c) larger | (d) largely |
| 2. | (a) finals | (b) final | (c) finality | (d) finally |
| 3. | (a) developing | (b) developed | (c) develop | (d) develops |
| 4. | (a) because | (b) case | (c) cause | (d) caused |
| 5. | (a) body | (b) back | (c) head | (d) foot |
| 6. | (a) quite | (b) quit | (c) quiet | (d) quilt |
| 7. | (a) monthly | (b) months | (c) moth | (d) mount |
| 8. | (a) upbeat | (b) beat | (c) beating | (d) beats |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) on | (d) of |
| 10. | (a) dates | (b) mates | (c) rates | (d) hates |
| 11. | (a) struggled | (b) struggles | (c) struggling | (d) struggle |
| 12. | (a) conclusion | (b) over | (c) finish | (d) end |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. full of bad and giartc news
2. there is fnaily some good news
3. urogkhteabrh in the fight against the virus
4. a 90 per cent ceusscs rate
5. csfeiinout diseases
6. the vaccine was siipeovt news

Paragraph 2

7. Health setrexp say it will be months
8. widely bliavelaa for people to take
9. a great day for sieccen
10. We are reaching this atciricl milestone
11. economies are grsgngtuli to reopen
12. bring an end to this global health csrsii

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against
- () Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to
- () virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers
- () company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this critical
- (**1**) In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally
- () head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine
- () milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection
- () world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."
- () COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci,
- () rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to
- () some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the
- () be stored at temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his
- () was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."
- () reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

1. Bad of because and news COVID-19 . tragic
2. breakthrough have announced fight . Scientists a the in
3. drug are company . the The from U.S. scientists
4. rate against A success protecting COVID-19 . in 90%
5. side cause does vaccine effects . The not serious
6. is It's widely available . months vaccine before the
7. company's achievement . Mr about his was upbeat Bourla
8. development in milestone program . vaccine critical This our
9. He infection new are setting records . rates said
10. global Bring this an crisis . end to health

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

In / On a year that has *large / largely* been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is *finally / final* some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough *in / on* the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers *saying / say* they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent *succeed / success* rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause *seriously / serious* side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, *body / head* of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine *was / be* positive news. He said: "The *results / result* are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health *experts / expects* say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available *for / from* people to take. It needs to be stored *of / at* temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was *beat / upbeat* about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and *human / humanity*....We are reaching this *critically / critical* milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it *most / much*." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity *and / to* economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer *of / to* providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health *crises / crisis*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_n _ y__r th_t h_s l_rg_ly b__n f_ll _f b_d _nd
tr_g_c n_ws b_c__s_ _f C_V_D-19, th_r_ _s f_n_lly
s_m_ g__d n_ws. Sc__nt_sts h_v_ _nn__nc_d _
br__kthr__gh _n th_ f_ght _g__nst th_ v_r_s. Th_
sc__nt_sts _r_ fr_m th_ __.S. dr_g c_mp_ny Pf_z_r _nd
th_ G_rm_n ph_rm_c__t_c_l c_mp_ny B__NT_ch. Th__r
r_s__rch_rs s_y th_y h_v_ d_v_l_p_d _ v_cc_n_ th_t
h_s _ 90 p_r c_nt s_cc_ss r_t_ _n pr_t_ct_ng _g__nst
C_V_D-19. Th_ r_s__rch_rs _ls_ s_y th_ v_cc_n_ d__s
n_t c__s_ s_r__s s_d_ _ff_cts. Dr. _nth_ny F__c_,
h__d _f th_ _S_'s N_t__n_l _nst_t_t_ _f _ll_rgy _nd
_nf_ct__s D_s__s_s, s__d th_ v_cc_n_ w_s p_s_t_v_
n_ws. H_ s__d: "Th_ r_s_lts _r_ r__lly q__t_ g__d, _
m__n _xtr__rd_n_ry."

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine.html>

in a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of covid19 there is finally some good news scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus the scientists are from the us drug company pfizer and the german pharmaceutical company biontech their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against covid19 the researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects dr anthony fauci head of the usas national institute of allergy and infectious diseases said the vaccine was positive news he said the results are really quite good i mean extraordinary health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take it needs to be stored at temperatures of 80 celsius however pfizer ceo dr albert bourla was upbeat about his companys achievement he said today is a great day for science and humanitywe are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most he added infection rates are setting new records hospitals are nearing overcapacity and economies are struggling to reopen with todays news we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a muchneeded breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 percent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary." Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be stored at temperatures of -80°Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about this company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity.... We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. COVID-19 VACCINE: Make a poster about COVID-19 vaccine. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. COMPULSORY VACCINE: Write a magazine article about making the COVID-19 vaccine compulsory - everyone must have it. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on COVID-19 vaccine. Ask him/her three questions about COVID-19 vaccine. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. a
6. e	7. j	8. c	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Bad and tragic news
2. The USA and Germany
3. 90%
4. Serious side effects
5. Extraordinary
6. Months
7. -80 degrees Celsius
8. Science and humanity
9. Hospitals
10. The global health crisis

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Bad and tragic news because of COVID-19.
2. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight.
3. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company.
4. A 90% success rate in protecting against COVID-19.
5. The vaccine does not cause serious side effects.
6. It's months before the vaccine is widely available.
7. Mr Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement.
8. This critical milestone in our vaccine development program.
9. He said infection rates are setting new records.
10. Bring an end to this global health crisis.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)