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Level 4 – 30th January 2023

Urgent search for lost radioactive capsule in Australia

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230130-radioactive-capsule-4.html>

Australia has issued an alert over a missing radioactive capsule. There is a "radioactive substance risk" in Western Australia. The search is now on for the tiny capsule. It contains the harmful substance Caesium-137. It has enough of this radioactive material to "cause serious health consequences". The capsule went missing while it was being transported from a mining town. Officials think it fell through a hole in the truck transporting it.

The chief health officer urged caution. He warned: "Exposure to this substance could cause radiation burns or severe illness." He added: "If you are very close to the material, the radiation risk increases immensely and could cause serious damage to your health, including causing radiation burns to the skin." He said that being a metre of the capsule could expose someone to radiation levels that are the same as having ten X-rays.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/search-underway-radioactive-capsule-missing-australia-2023-01-28/>
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/western-australians-warned-over-radioactive-capsule-lost-on-highway-0sq7zgphk>
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-27/radioactive-capsule-lost-in-wa-emergency-public-health-warning/101901472>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Australia has issued | a. consequences |
| 2. a radioactive substance | b. the truck |
| 3. The search is now | c. risk |
| 4. cause serious health | d. mining town |
| 5. The capsule | e. an alert |
| 6. being transported from a | f. through |
| 7. Officials think it fell | g. on |
| 8. a hole in | h. went missing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. the chief health | a. to the material |
| 2. this substance could cause radiation | b. of the capsule |
| 3. If you are very close | c. ten X-rays |
| 4. the radiation risk increases | d. your health |
| 5. cause serious damage to | e. radiation levels |
| 6. being a metre | f. immensely |
| 7. expose someone to | g. officer |
| 8. the same as having | h. burns |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australia has issued (1) _____ a missing radioactive capsule. There is a radioactive (2) _____ Western Australia. The search is now on for (3) _____. It contains the harmful substance Caesium-137. It (4) _____ this radioactive material to "cause serious health consequences". The capsule (5) _____ it was being transported from a mining town. Officials think it fell through a hole in the (6) _____.

The chief health (7) _____. He warned: "Exposure to this substance could cause radiation (8) _____ illness." He added: "If you are (9) _____ the material, the radiation risk increases immensely and could cause serious damage to your health, including causing (10) _____ the skin." He said that being a metre of the capsule (11) _____ to radiation levels that are the (12) _____ ten X-rays.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230130-radioactive-capsule-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about radioactive material 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) _____

