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Level 5

Bio-terrorism could kill 30 million in a year

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The ex-boss of Microsoft Bill Gates has warned the world could be in danger from bio-terrorism. He said a virus made by terrorists could kill 30 million people in less than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was speaking at a security conference in Germany. He said there was a "reasonable" chance of a bio-terrorist attack in the next 10 to 15 years. He was surprised that very few leaders are aware of this. He wants leaders to be more prepared. He asked for global "health security" to become a major part of government discussions and policies.

Gates said the next epidemic could start on a computer screen. He said a genetically engineered virus was easier to make and could kill more people than nuclear bombs. He asked governments, "to prepare for these epidemics in the same way we prepare for war". He said there should be "germ games", just like many countries engage in war games to prepare for war. He also said we needed better monitoring to spot outbreaks early, and the development of vaccines within weeks rather than years. He also said we needed anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and new diagnostics.

Sources: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2017/02/19/bill-gates-warns-of-epidemic-that-will-kill-over-30-million-people/>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/02/18/bill-gates-bioterrorism-could-kill-more-than-nuclear-war-but-no-one-is-ready-to-deal-with-it/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. the world could be in danger | a. of a bio-terrorist attack |
| 2. a virus made by terrorists | b. be more prepared |
| 3. speaking at | c. security |
| 4. a "reasonable" chance | d. could kill 30 million |
| 5. very few leaders are | e. discussions |
| 6. He wants leaders to | f. from bio-terrorism |
| 7. global health | g. aware of this |
| 8. a major part of government | h. a security conference |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the next epidemic could start | a. epidemics |
| 2. a genetically | b. than nuclear bombs |
| 3. kill more people | c. outbreaks early |
| 4. prepare for these | d. viral drugs |
| 5. in the same way we | e. on a computer screen |
| 6. many countries engage | f. prepare for war |
| 7. better monitoring to spot | g. engineered virus |
| 8. anti- | h. in war games |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The ex-boss of Microsoft Bill Gates (1) _____ world could be in danger from bio-terrorism. He said (2) _____ terrorists could kill 30 million people in less than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was speaking (3) _____ conference in Germany. He said there was a "reasonable" (4) _____-terrorist attack in the next 10 to 15 years. He (5) _____ very few leaders are aware of this. He wants leaders to be more prepared. He asked for global "health security" to become (6) _____ government discussions and policies.

Gates said the next epidemic (7) _____ computer screen. He said a genetically engineered virus (8) _____ make and could kill more people than nuclear bombs. He asked governments, "to prepare for these epidemics (9) _____ we prepare for war". He said there should be "germ games", just like many countries (10) _____ games to prepare for war. He also said we needed better monitoring to (11) _____, and the development of vaccines within weeks rather than years. He also said we needed anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BIO-TERRORISM SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1702/170221-bio-terrorism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bio-terrorism 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) _____

