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Level 1

House dust could make us fat

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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House dust could make us fat. Scientists say people should keep their house clean to not get fat. The scientists did research on mice. They collected dust from 11 houses. Dust from nine of the houses made the mice fatter. The dust changed the hormones in the mice and made more fat in their bodies. We breathe in and swallow small amounts of dust. A researcher said small amounts of dust made the mice fatter.

Dust contains chemicals called EDCs. They are in sofas and carpets. They are also in cosmetics, food packaging, and household cleaners. EDCs are in most houses. Researchers say they can affect our health. Children are at most risk. EDCs can lead to learning problems. EDCs can increase the risk of cancer and infertility. The researchers say we need to look at all the things we make so that they do not make us unhealthy.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/12/household-dust-makes-people-fat-groundbreaking-research-indicates/>
<http://www.genengnews.com/gen-news-highlights/obesity-may-arise-in-part-from-household-dust/81254642>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people should keep | a. hormones in the mice |
| 2. The scientists did research | b. of dust |
| 3. They collected dust | c. on mice |
| 4. Dust from nine of | d. from 11 houses |
| 5. The dust changed the | e. fatter |
| 6. breathe | f. the houses |
| 7. small amounts | g. in |
| 8. made the mice | h. their house clean |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dust contains chemicals | a. in most houses |
| 2. They are in sofas | b. packaging |
| 3. food | c. problems |
| 4. EDCs are | d. most risk |
| 5. they can affect | e. called EDCs |
| 6. Children are at | f. infertility |
| 7. learning | g. and carpets |
| 8. increase the risk of cancer and | h. our health |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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House dust could (1) _____. Scientists say people should keep their house clean (2) _____. The scientists did (3) _____ mice. They collected dust from 11 houses. Dust from nine of the houses made the mice fatter. The (4) _____ hormones in the mice and made (5) _____ bodies. We breathe in and swallow small amounts of dust. A researcher said small (6) _____ made the mice fatter.

Dust (7) _____ called EDCs. They are in sofas and carpets. They (8) _____ cosmetics, food packaging, and household cleaners. EDCs (9) _____ houses. Researchers say they can affect our health. Children (10) _____. EDCs can lead to learning problems. EDCs can increase (11) _____ cancer and infertility. The researchers say we need (12) _____ the things we make so that they do not make us unhealthy.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOUSE DUST SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170715-house-dust-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about house dust 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) _____

