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Level 6

Bio-terrorism could kill 30 million in a year

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2017/02/19/bill-gates-warns-of-epidemic-that-will-kill-over-30-million-people/>
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<http://mashable.com/2017/02/18/bill-gates-bio-terrorism/>

WARM-UPS

1. BIO-TERRORISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bio-terrorism. 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?

head / Microsoft / danger / bioterrorism / catastrophe / reasonable / chance / security epidemic / genetically engineered / nuclear weapon / prepare / terror attack / vaccine

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

3. VIRUS: Students A **strongly** believe a bioterrorist attack using a virus is more dangerous than nuclear weapons; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CATASTROPHE: What would happen in these catastrophes? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What would happen?	How to avoid it?	How to survive it?
Bioterrorism			
Nuclear war			
Internet meltdown			
Rising ocean level			
World War III			
Overpopulation			

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

6. DANGERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest dangers to the world at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- World leaders
- Viruses
- Global warming
- Alien attack
- Overpopulation
- Water wars
- Internet meltdown
- Overconsumption

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The ex-boss of Microsoft has said the world is in great danger. **T / F**
- b. The ex-boss said an attack could take in the next 10-15 months. **T / F**
- c. The ex-boss is happy that world leaders are prepared for an attack. **T / F**
- d. The ex-boss wants to be part of government discussions and policies. **T / F**
- e. A virus may be created by computer by terrorists. **T / F**
- f. The ex-boss said nuclear weapons were still deadlier than a viruses. **T / F**
- g. The ex-boss wants countries to take part in germ games. **T / F**
- h. The ex-boss says the world needs an arsenal of weapons and vaccines. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. former | a. starting |
| 2. catastrophe | b. participate |
| 3. reasonable | c. conscious |
| 4. aware | d. disaster |
| 5. policies | e. instead of |
| 6. originating | f. previous |
| 7. threat | g. strategies |
| 8. engage | h. see |
| 9. spot | i. fairly good |
| 10. rather than | j. danger |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. The former | a. a bio-terrorist could act |
| 2. the world could face | b. weeks rather than years |
| 3. a "reasonable" chance that | c. in war games |
| 4. very few leaders were | d. head of Microsoft |
| 5. become a major part | e. vaccines and new diagnostics |
| 6. a good chance of originating | f. even aware of it |
| 7. prepare for these | g. on a computer screen |
| 8. many countries engage | h. a catastrophe |
| 9. quickly develop vaccines - within | i. of government discussions |
| 10. anti-viral drugs, antibodies, | j. epidemics |

GAP FILL

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The (1) _____ head of Microsoft, Bill Gates, has warned that the world could be in (2) _____ danger from bio-terrorism. He said the world could face a (3) _____ from a virus made by terrorists that could kill 30 million people in less than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was (4) _____ at the Munich Security Conference in Germany. He said there was a "reasonable" (5) _____ that a bio-terrorist could act in the next 10 to 15 years. He added that world leaders are not prepared for (6) _____ an attack. He expressed his surprise that very few leaders were even (7) _____ of it. He asked for global "health security" to become a (8) _____ part of government discussions and policies.

catastrophe

chance

major

former

speaking

aware

great

such

Mr Gates explained that: "The next (9) _____ has a good chance of (10) _____ on a computer screen." He said a genetically engineered (11) _____ was easier to make and could kill more people than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is ready for this (12) _____. He asked governments, "to prepare for these epidemics in the same way we prepare for (13) _____". Gates asked governments to start "germ (14) _____" activities to prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries engage in war games. He said we needed better monitoring to spot (15) _____ early, and systems to quickly develop vaccines - within weeks rather than years. "We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, (16) _____ and new diagnostics," he said.

war

originating

outbreaks

virus

vaccines

epidemic

games

threat

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) be in great danger from bio-terrorism. He said the world could _____
 - a. facer catastrophe
 - b. faze a catastrophe
 - c. phase a catastrophe
 - d. face a catastrophe
- 2) there was a "reasonable" chance that a bio-terrorist could _____ 10 to 15 years
 - a. acting the next
 - b. act in the next
 - c. acting in the next
 - d. acted in the next
- 3) He added that world leaders are not prepared for _____
 - a. such the attack
 - b. such and attack
 - c. such an attack
 - d. such any attack
- 4) He expressed his surprise that very few leaders were even _____
 - a. beware off it
 - b. a where of it
 - c. aware of it
 - d. a wear off it
- 5) become a major part of government discussions _____
 - a. and policies
 - b. and police's
 - c. and poll ices
 - d. and Polly sees
- 6) The next epidemic has a good chance of _____ computer screen
 - a. origination on a
 - b. originating on a
 - c. originated on a
 - d. originates in on a
- 7) better monitoring to spot outbreaks early, and systems to quickly _____
 - a. develop back scenes
 - b. developed vaccines
 - c. develops fact scenes
 - d. develop vaccines
- 8) kill more people than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is _____
 - a. ready for this thread
 - b. readily for this threat
 - c. ready for this threat
 - d. readily for this thread
- 9) prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries _____ games
 - a. engage on war
 - b. engage in war
 - c. engage to war
 - d. engage at war
- 10) We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and _____
 - a. new diagnosis
 - b. new diagnostic
 - c. new die agnostics
 - d. new diagnostics

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who warned the world about the threat from bio-terrorism?
2. In which country was the security conference?
3. Within how many years could a bio-terrorism act take place?
4. Who is not prepared for a bio-terrorist attack?
5. What did a man want to be a major part of government discussions?
6. Where might the next epidemic originate?
7. What could a genetically engineered virus be deadlier than?
8. What kind of games did a man suggest governments start engaging in?
9. What do governments need to spot outbreaks earlier?
10. Within what timeframe did the man say we needed to develop vaccines?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who warned the world about the threat from bio-terrorism?
 - a) a bio-terrorist
 - b) Bill Gates
 - c) a global security expert
 - d) the head of the UN
- 2) In which country was the security conference?
 - a) India
 - b) Ecuador
 - c) Iraq
 - d) Germany
- 3) Within how many years could a bio-terrorism act take place?
 - a) 10-15 years
 - b) 2-3 years
 - c) 1-5 years
 - d) 5-10 years
- 4) Who is not prepared for a bio-terrorist attack?
 - a) Bill Gates
 - b) the USA
 - c) world leaders
 - d) army generals
- 5) What did a man want to be a major part of government discussions?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) global health security
 - c) armies and navies
 - d) hospitals
- 6) Where might the next epidemic originate?
 - a) on an airplane
 - b) Europe
 - c) on a computer screen
 - d) in a city
- 7) What could a genetically engineered virus be deadlier than?
 - a) WWII
 - b) the Ebola virus
 - c) 100 hurricanes
 - d) nuclear bombs
- 8) What kind of games did a man suggest governments start engaging in?
 - a) germ games
 - b) vaccine games
 - c) war games
 - d) computer games
- 9) What do governments need to spot outbreaks earlier?
 - a) better monitoring
 - b) more money
 - c) better brains
 - d) diagnostics
- 10) Within what timeframe did the man say we needed to develop vaccines?
 - a) days
 - b) weeks
 - c) as soon as possible
 - d) months

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – World leaders

You think world leaders are the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): viruses, alien attacks or water wars.

Role B – Viruses

You think viruses are the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): world leaders, alien attacks or water wars.

Role C – Alien attacks

You think alien attacks are the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): viruses, world leaders or water wars.

Role D – Water wars

You think water wars are the biggest danger to the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their dangers aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): viruses, alien attacks or world leaders.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

virus	danger
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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">• former• face• chance• such• aware• major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• next• easier• same• engage• within• arsenal
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BIO-TERRORISM SURVEY

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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.

BIO-TERRORISM DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'bio-terrorism'?
3. How much of what you read do you believe?
4. What do you think are the biggest dangers to this world?
5. What would happen to the world if what Bill Gates said comes true?
6. How can we stop bio-terrorist attacks?
7. Why aren't world leaders prepared for such an attack?
8. How big a threat is terrorism in your country?
9. How much do you worry about terrorism?
10. What do you understand by the term "global health security"

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BIO-TERRORISM 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 'virus'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much are you worried about genetic engineering?
15. Are viruses more dangerous than nuclear weapons?
16. What do you know about past epidemics?
17. What might happen during 'germ games' activities?
18. What happens when agencies spot a viral outbreak?
19. Will world leaders ever spend the money on combatting viruses?
20. What questions would you like to ask Bill Gates?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) former | (b) firmer | (c) farmer | (d) framer |
| 2. | (a) head | (b) neck | (c) face | (d) skull |
| 3. | (a) reason | (b) reasons | (c) reasonable | (d) reasonably |
| 4. | (a) suicide | (b) terror | (c) do | (d) act |
| 5. | (a) such | (b) much | (c) touch | (d) hutch |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) as | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) by | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) thrust | (d) throat |
| 9. | (a) similarly | (b) exactly | (c) same | (d) like |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 11. | (a) tops | (b) spat | (c) pot | (d) spot |
| 12. | (a) hull | (b) arsenal | (c) stoke | (d) spurs |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. face a ocatstephra
2. there was a senleaarob chance
3. He sdepkseer his surprise
4. few leaders were even wraea of it
5. global health sueiytrc
6. government discussions and osicplie

Paragraph 2

7. The next cideemip
8. a ctnielgeyal engineered virus
9. eulranc weapons
10. spot obrskeuat early
11. quickly develop cscvneai
12. new ntodsaiiscg

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () said there was a "reasonable" chance that a bio-terrorist could act in the next 10 to 15 years. He added that world leaders
- () bio-terrorism. He said the world could face a catastrophe from a virus made by terrorists that could kill 30 million people in
- () for these epidemics in the same way we prepare for war". Gates asked governments to start "germ games"
- (**1**) The former head of Microsoft, Bill Gates, has warned that the world could be in great danger from
- () a major part of government discussions and policies.
- () better monitoring to spot outbreaks early, and systems to quickly develop vaccines - within weeks rather than
- () computer screen." He said a genetically engineered virus was easier to make and could kill more people
- () activities to prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries engage in war games. He said we needed
- () Mr Gates explained that: "The next epidemic has a good chance of originating on a
- () less than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was speaking at the Munich Security Conference in Germany. He
- () than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is ready for this threat. He asked governments, "to prepare
- () few leaders were even aware of it. He asked for global "health security" to become
- () years. "We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and new diagnostics," he said.
- () are not prepared for such an attack. He expressed his surprise that very

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in could - great terrorism danger The from world bio be .
2. by terrorists that could kill 30 million people A virus made .
3. "reasonable" A act could terrorist - bio a that chance .
4. such for prepared not are leaders world that added He attack an .
5. major and part policies of Become government a discussions .
6. a chance computer of screen originating A on good .
7. genetically A make to easier was virus engineered .
8. for on this Earth threat is No ready country .
9. war for prepare we way same the in epidemics these for Prepare .
10. needed to early we monitoring outbreaks said better spot He .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The *former / firmer* head of Microsoft, Bill Gates, has warned that the world could be *on / in* great danger from bio-terrorism. He said the world could *face / head* a catastrophe from a virus made by terrorists that could kill 30 million people in *less / fewer* than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was speaking at the Munich Security Conference in Germany. He said there was a "*reasonably / reasonable*" chance that a bio-terrorist could *act / action* in the next 10 to 15 years. He added that world leaders are not *prepared / prepares* for such an attack. He expressed *his / this* surprise that very few leaders were even *awareness / aware* of it. He asked for global "health security" to become a *major / majority* part of government discussions and policies.

Mr Gates explained that: "The next *epidermis / epidemic* has a good chance of *originating / origins* on a computer screen." He said a genetically *engineering / engineered* virus was *easier / easily* to make and could kill more people than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is *ready / already* for this threat. He asked governments, "to prepare for these epidemics in the same way we *prepare / preparation* for war". Gates asked governments to start "germ games" activities to prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, *such / like* many countries engage in war games. He said we needed better monitoring *for / to* spot outbreaks early, and systems to quickly develop vaccines – *within / with* weeks rather than years. "We need *anew / a new* arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and new diagnostics," he said.

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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Th_ f_rm_r h__d _f M_cr_s_ft, B_ll G_t_s, h_s w_rn_d
th_t th_ w_rld c__ld b__n gr__t d_ng_r fr_m b__-
t_rr_r_sm. H_s__d th_ w_rld c__ld f_c__c_t_str_ph_
fr_m _v_r_s m_d_ by t_rr_r_sts th_t c__ld k_ll 30
m_ll__n p__pl__n l_ss th_n _y__r. Mr G_t_s, th_
r_ch_st p_rs_n _n th_ w_rld, w_s sp__k_ng _t th_
M_n_ch S_c_r_ty C_nf_r_nc__ _n G_rm_ny. H_s__d
th_r_w_s _ "r__s_n_bl_" ch_nc_ th_t _b__-t_rr_r_st
c__ld _ct__n th_ n_xt 10 t_ 15 y__rs. H__dd_d th_t
w_rld l__d_rs _r_n_t pr_p_r_d f_r s_ch__n_tt_ck. H_
_xpr_ss_d h_s s_rpr_s_ th_t v_ry f_w l__d_rs w_r_
_v_n _w_r_ _f__t. H__sk_d f_r gl_b_l "h__lth
s_c_r_ty" t__b_c_m__ _m_j_r p_rt _f g_v_rnm_nt
d_sc_ss__ns _nd p_l_c__s.

Mr G_t_s _xpl__n_d th_t: "Th_ n_xt _p_d_m_c h_s _
g__d ch_nc__ _f_r g_n_t ng _n _c mp_t_r scr__n." H_
s__d _g_n_t_c_lly _ng_n__r_d v_r_s w_s __s__r t_
m_k__ _nd c__ld k_ll m_r_ p__pl__ th_n n_cl__r
w__p_ns, b_t n_ c__ntry _n __rth _s r__dy f_r th_s
thr__t. H__sk_d g_v_rnm_nts, "t__pr_p_r_f_r th_s_
_p_d_m_cs _n th_ s_m_w_y w__pr_p_r_f_r w_r".
G_t_s _sk_d g_v_rnm_nts t__st_rt "g_rm g_m_s"
_ct_v_t__s t__pr_p_r_f_r _b__-t_rr_r_st_tt_ck, l_k_
m_ny c__ntr__s _ng_g__n w_r g_m_s. H_s__d w_
n__d_d b_tt_r m_n_t_r ng t__sp_t __tbr__ks __rly,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 the Munich Security Conference. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BIO-TERRORISM: Make a poster about bio-terrorism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GERM GAMES: Write a magazine article about germ games. What are they? State that all countries in the world should engage in them, just as they do war games. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 bio-terrorism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can prevent it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. former | a. previous |
| 2. catastrophe | b. disaster |
| 3. reasonable | c. fairly good |
| 4. aware | d. conscious |
| 5. policies | e. strategies |
| 6. originating | f. starting |
| 7. threat | g. danger |
| 8. engage | h. participate |
| 9. spot | i. see |
| 10. rather than | j. instead of |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Bill Gates
2. Germany
3. 10 to 15 years
4. World leaders
5. Global health security
6. A computer screen
7. Nuclear weapons
8. Germ games
9. Better monitoring
10. Weeks

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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