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Level 2 – 5th April, 2020

U.S. to encourage use of face masks

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The USA is encouraging Americans to wear face masks. There is talk about whether or not face masks are effective to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The government is encouraging Americans to use homemade things like face masks and scarves. The WHO has recommended that people who are not sick do not need to wear masks or cover their face. However, other organisations say face masks can help to slow the virus. They say people in countries like Singapore and South Korea wear masks and reported infection rates are lower.

Some health experts believe that masks could cut the risk of people spreading the virus and protect those who have not contracted it. Other health officials worry that if everyone buys masks, there may not be enough for nurses and doctors. They say masks could make people feel safe and mix more with other people. Health experts also worry that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people from catching the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not touching your face."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. whether or not face masks are | a. their face |
| 2. slow down the spread | b. like face masks |
| 3. use homemade things | c. like Singapore |
| 4. people who are not | d. are lower |
| 5. wear masks or cover | e. effective |
| 6. help to slow | f. sick |
| 7. people in countries | g. of COVID-19 |
| 8. reported infection rates | h. the virus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. health | a. distancing |
| 2. masks could cut | b. your face |
| 3. spreading | c. safe |
| 4. Other health officials | d. hands |
| 5. make people feel | e. worry |
| 6. social | f. experts |
| 7. washing your | g. the virus |
| 8. not touching | h. the risk |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA is encouraging Americans (1) _____ masks. There is talk about whether or not face masks are effective to slow (2) _____ of COVID-19. The government is encouraging Americans to (3) _____ like face masks and scarves. The WHO has recommended that people who are not sick do not (4) _____ masks or cover their face. However, other organisations say face masks can help to slow the virus. They say (5) _____ like Singapore and South Korea wear masks and reported (6) _____ lower.

Some (7) _____ that masks could cut the risk of people spreading the virus and (8) _____ have not contracted it. Other health officials worry that if everyone buys masks, there may (9) _____ for nurses and doctors. They say masks could make people feel safe and mix more with other people. Health (10) _____ that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people (11) _____ virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FACE MASKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about face masks 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **face masks** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
