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**Level 2 – 18th November, 2021**

## **Scorpions sting more than 500 people in Egypt**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211118-scorpions-2.html>

Scorpions stung over 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of scorpions into the streets and people's homes earlier this week. Many people had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom injections. The people went home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had severe pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. Hospitals are now on alert, just in case more people are stung. A weather expert said farmers in the area should be careful, especially in their fields. He asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.

People are worried because the scorpions are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". They are among the most dangerous scorpions in the world. Their venom is very poisonous and can kill a human in an hour. The scorpions live in the mountains. They rarely come into contact with humans. The weather expert said people should wear proper footwear when they went outside. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/nov/16/more-than-500-stung-by-scorpions-flushed-out-by-storms-in-egypt>  
<https://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-warns-aswan-residents-of-scorpions-and-snakes/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. heavy                        | a. alert                |
| 2. forced hundreds of scorpions | b. week                 |
| 3. earlier this                 | c. venom injections     |
| 4. Many people had to           | d. be careful of snakes |
| 5. Doctors gave them anti-      | e. rain                 |
| 6. severe                       | f. go to hospital       |
| 7. Hospitals are now on         | g. into the streets     |
| 8. He asked people to           | h. pain                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the scorpions are             | a. "man-killer"     |
| 2. They are Arabian fat-         | b. poisonous        |
| 3. Their nickname is             | c. footwear         |
| 4. They are among the            | d. tailed scorpions |
| 5. Their venom is very           | e. with humans      |
| 6. They rarely come into contact | f. very dangerous   |
| 7. people should wear proper     | g. dried up         |
| 8. after the rainwater           | h. most dangerous   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of scorpions into the streets and people's homes (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The people went home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions (4) \_\_\_\_\_, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. Hospitals are now on alert, just in case more people are stung. A weather expert said farmers (5) \_\_\_\_\_ should be careful, especially in their fields. He asked people to be careful of snakes, which were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.

People (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the scorpions are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". They are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous scorpions in the world. Their venom is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ can kill a human in an hour. The scorpions live in the mountains. They rarely (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with humans. The weather expert said people should (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when they went outside. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SCORPIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211118-scorpions-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about scorpions 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) \_\_\_\_\_

