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**Level 3 – 18th November, 2021**

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

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

More than 500 people have been stung by scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of the eight-legged creatures into the streets and into people's homes earlier this week. Many of the people who were stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom injections. The people were able to go home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms including severe pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals on alert just in case more people are stung. A weather expert asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially when planting crops. In addition, he asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.

People in Aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are among the most dangerous scorpions in the world. The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely come into contact with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to avoid getting bitten. 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/>  
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/deadly-scorpions-kill-three-injure-25465378>

# WARM-UPS

**1. SCORPIONS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about scorpions. 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?

500 / scorpions / creatures / streets / hospital / injections / pain / fever / farmers / worried / nickname / news agency / venom / weather / expert / footwear / deadly

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

**3. SCARIER:** Students A **strongly** believe scorpions are scarier than snakes; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. DEADLY CREATURES:** Why are these creatures so deadly? What can we do to avoid them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why So Deadly	How to Avoid Them
Scorpions		
Lions		
Snakes		
Bears		
Hornets		
Viruses / Bugs		

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

**6. SCARY CREATURES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the scariest creatures at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Scorpions
- Tarantulas
- Cockroaches
- Bears
- Snakes
- Lions
- Buffalo
- Rats

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. creature  | a. Of something bad or undesirable; very great; intense.  |
| 2. venom     | b. A plant that is grown on a large scale, especially a cereal, fruit, or vegetable.                |
| 3. injection | c. An animal, but not a human being.  |
| 4. symptom   | d. A poisonous liquid that snakes, spiders, and scorpions have that can hurt or kill other animals. |
| 5. severe    | e. A physical or mental sign that someone is ill.   |
| 6. fever     | f. A sickness where you have a very high body temperature (usually over 38°C).                      |
| 7. crops     | g. The act of putting a liquid (especially a drug or vaccine) into the body using a syringe.        |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 8. nickname  | h. Keep away from or stop oneself from doing something.                                      |
| 9. poisonous | i. Of the correct type or form; suitable or appropriate.                                     |
| 10. rarely   | j. A person who is very knowledgeable about or skillful in a particular area.                |
| 11. expert   | k. A name given to a person or thing instead of their real name.                             |
| 12. proper   | l. A group of living things of the same type, that can produce young together.               |
| 13. avoid    | m. Of a liquid, chemical or plant that can kill us if we eat it or if it gets into our body. |
| 14. species  | n. Not often; seldom.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Scorpions stung over 500 people in Egypt's capital city Cairo. **T / F**
2. Rainwater washed many scorpions into people's homes. **T / F**
3. People who had anti-venom injections had to stay in hospital. **T / F**
4. A weather expert asked farmers to be careful when harvesting crops. **T / F**
5. The scorpions are fat-tailed scorpions. **T / F**
6. The scorpion's venom can kill a human in just one hour. **T / F**
7. The scorpions are from the mountains. **T / F**
8. About 10 per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>stung</b>       | a. very bad       |
| 2. <b>injection</b>   | b. poison         |
| 3. <b>severe</b>      | c. Also           |
| 4. <b>expert</b>      | d. seldom         |
| 5. <b>In addition</b> | e. jab            |
| 6. <b>worried</b>     | f. bitten         |
| 7. <b>venom</b>       | g. lethal         |
| 8. <b>rarely</b>      | h. stay away from |
| 9. <b>avoid</b>       | i. specialist     |
| 10. <b>deadly</b>     | j. concerned      |

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

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. hundreds of the eight-            | a. bitten              |
| 2. Doctors gave them anti-           | b. having the jab      |
| 3. people were able to go home after | c. crops               |
| 4. Those stung by the scorpions      | d. contact with humans |
| 5. planting                          | e. had symptoms        |
| 6. Their nickname                    | f. legged creatures    |
| 7. The venom in their sting          | g. species are deadly  |
| 8. rarely come into                  | h. is very poisonous   |
| 9. avoid getting                     | i. venom injections    |
| 10. the world's scorpion             | j. is "man-killer"     |

# GAP FILL

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

More than 500 people have been stung by scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of the eight-legged creatures into the streets and into people's homes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ this week. Many of the people who were stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ injections. The people were able to go home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms including (4) \_\_\_\_\_ pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals on (5) \_\_\_\_\_ just in case more people are stung. A weather (6) \_\_\_\_\_ asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially when planting (7) \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, he asked people to be careful of (8) \_\_\_\_\_, which were also seen after the rain.

*alert*  
*earlier*  
*snakes*  
*severe*  
*expert*  
*forced*  
*crops*  
*venom*

People in Aswan are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because the scorpions in their town are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their (10) \_\_\_\_\_ is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the most dangerous scorpions in the world. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ come into contact with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear (14) \_\_\_\_\_ footwear when they went outside to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ getting bitten. 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 (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*among*  
*rarely*  
*worried*  
*avoid*  
*venom*  
*deadly*  
*nickname*  
*proper*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Heavy rain forced hundreds of the eight-legged \_\_\_\_\_ streets
  - a. creatures unto the
  - b. creatures in too the
  - c. creatures as to the
  - d. creatures into the
- 2) Many of the people who were stung had to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. go for hospital
  - b. go to hospital
  - c. go at hospital
  - d. go two hospitals
- 3) The people were able to go home after \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. having the jib
  - b. having the jab
  - c. having the job
  - d. having the jade
- 4) The Health Ministry has put hospitals on alert \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. just in case
  - b. just on case
  - c. just ink case
  - d. just ink ace
- 5) asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. when plan tin crops
  - b. when plant tin crops
  - c. when plant in crops
  - d. when planting crops
- 6) People in Aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are verily dangerous
  - b. are very dangerous
  - c. are verity dangerous
  - d. are verify dangerous
- 7) The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wither an hour
  - b. within an hour
  - c. withering an hour
  - d. with inner hour
- 8) The weather expert advised people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wear proper footwear
  - b. wear propel footwear
  - c. wear prosper footwear
  - d. wear proffer footwear
- 9) He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rainy water dried up
  - b. rains water dried up
  - c. rainwater dried up
  - d. rain watery dried up
- 10) Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. specials are deadly
  - b. specifics are deadly
  - c. speeches are deadly
  - d. species are deadly

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

More than 500 people have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ into the streets and into people's homes earlier this week. Many of the people who were stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave (3) \_\_\_\_\_ injections. The people were able to go home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms including (4) \_\_\_\_\_, vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals on alert (5) \_\_\_\_\_ more people are stung. A weather expert asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially (6) \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, he asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.

People in Aswan (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the scorpions in their town are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the most dangerous scorpions in the world. The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where in Egypt did this news take place?
2. What did doctors give to people with scorpion stings?
3. Where did the people go after having a jab?
4. Who told farmers to be careful?
5. What else do people in the area have to be careful of?
6. What is the nickname of the scorpions?
7. Which news agency said the scorpions were dangerous?
8. How long could it take for this scorpion to kill a human?
9. When should people wear proper footwear?
10. What percentage of scorpion species are deadly?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where in Egypt did this news take place?
  - a) Cairo
  - b) Aswan
  - c) Alexandria
  - d) Luxor
- 2) What did doctors give to people with scorpion stings?
  - a) advice
  - b) medicine
  - c) an injection
  - d) thick socks
- 3) Where did the people go after having a jab?
  - a) the desert
  - b) the mountains
  - c) hospital
  - d) home
- 4) Who told farmers to be careful?
  - a) the government
  - b) a weather expert
  - c) a scorpion expert
  - d) soldiers
- 5) What else do people in the area have to be careful of?
  - a) snakes
  - b) rats
  - c) cockroaches
  - d) locusts
- 6) What is the nickname of the scorpions?
  - a) Man-killer
  - b) Stinger
  - c) Stingie
  - d) Stay Away
- 7) Which news agency said the scorpions were dangerous?
  - a) ABC
  - b) CNN
  - c) BBC
  - d) Al Jazeera
- 8) How long could it take for the scorpion to kill a human?
  - a) seconds
  - b) a day
  - c) an hour
  - d) a few minutes
- 9) When should people wear proper footwear?
  - a) in the desert
  - b) at home
  - c) in the mountains
  - d) when going outside
- 10) What percentage of scorpion species are deadly?
  - a) 10%
  - b) less than 1%
  - c) about 5%
  - d) between 7%-9%

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Scorpions**

You think scorpions are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): rats, cockroaches or lions.

## **Role B – Rats**

You think rats are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): scorpions, cockroaches or lions.

## **Role C – Cockroaches**

You think cockroaches are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): rats, scorpions or lions.

## **Role D – Lions**

You think lions are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): rats, cockroaches or scorpions.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

scorpion	rain

- 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"><li>• heavy</li><li>• earlier</li><li>• able</li><li>• pain</li><li>• case</li><li>• snakes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• worried</li><li>• nickname</li><li>• venom</li><li>• contact</li><li>• wear</li><li>• dried</li></ul>
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# SCORPIONS SURVEY

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

# SCORPIONS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'scorpion'?
3. What do you know about scorpions?
4. What would you do if you saw a scorpion?
5. Why do people think scorpions are so scary?
6. Have you ever been stung by anything?
7. Which are scarier - scorpions, snakes or spiders?
8. What scary creatures are there where you live?
9. What animal are you most scared of?
10. What do you think of injections?

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# SCORPIONS 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 'rain'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of scorpions?
15. What do you know about Egypt?
16. Would you eat food made from scorpions?
17. What is the difference between scorpions and insects?
18. What three adjectives best describe scorpions?
19. Could you touch or hold a scorpion?
20. What questions would you like to ask a scorpion expert?

## **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

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

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People in Aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town are very (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the most dangerous scorpions in the world. The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely (9) \_\_\_\_\_ into contact with humans. The weather expert (10) \_\_\_\_\_ people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to avoid (11) \_\_\_\_\_ bitten. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

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

- |     |               |               |             |                 |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) sting     | (b) stung     | (c) stings  | (d) stinging    |
| 2.  | (a) faced     | (b) forced    | (c) farce   | (d) fierce      |
| 3.  | (a) ingest    | (b) injectors | (c) injects | (d) injections  |
| 4.  | (a) inclusive | (b) including | (c) include | (d) includes    |
| 5.  | (a) in        | (b) at        | (c) to      | (d) on          |
| 6.  | (a) seeing    | (b) sees      | (c) seen    | (d) see         |
| 7.  | (a) dangerous | (b) danger    | (c) dangers | (d) dangerously |
| 8.  | (a) between   | (b) side      | (c) among   | (d) aside       |
| 9.  | (a) do        | (b) go        | (c) be      | (d) come        |
| 10. | (a) advised   | (b) advice    | (c) advise  | (d) advisory    |
| 11. | (a) getting   | (b) get       | (c) gets    | (d) got         |
| 12. | (a) up        | (b) in        | (c) on      | (d) of          |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. hundreds of the eight-legged urtscaeer
2. Doctors gave them anti-venom jtionniecs
3. symptoms including verese pain
4. A weather teexrp
5. especially when planting prcso
6. be careful of saknes

## Paragraph 2

7. Their minanekc is "man-killer"
8. The Al Jazeera news gecayn
9. their sting is very ouisnspoo
10. rarely come into conatct with humans
11. advised people to wear eorrpp footwear
12. the world's scorpion scipes

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals on alert just in case more people are stung. A weather
- ( ) up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.
- ( ) he asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.
- ( ) contact with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to avoid
- ( ) People in Aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-
- ( ) home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms including severe pain, fever,
- ( ) expert asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially when planting crops. In addition,
- ( ) getting bitten. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried
- ( ) of the eight-legged creatures into the streets and into people's homes earlier this week. Many of the people who were
- ( ) stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom injections. The people were able to go
- ( ) a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely come into
- ( ) dangerous scorpions in the world. The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill
- ( ) tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are among the most
- ( **1** ) More than 500 people have been stung by scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. hundreds creatures Rain of into forced the streets .
2. who were hospital . people stung The to went
3. scorpions by symptoms . Those the had stung
4. in A farmers the expert weather asked area .
5. asked snakes . careful to be of He people
6. are their scorpions dangerous . town in The very
7. among scorpions . the They world's are dangerous most
8. in poisonous . very is sting The venom their
9. proper The to people wear expert footwear . advised
10. would go dried up . Numbers down after rainwater

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

More than 500 people have been *sting* / *stung* by scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of the eight-legged *creatives* / *creatures* into the streets and into people's *home* / *homes* earlier this week. Many of the people who were stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom *injections* / *injects*. The people were able to go home after having the *jab* / *job*. Those stung by the scorpions had *symptoms* / *symptom* including *severe* / *several* pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals *on* / *in* alert just in case more people are stung. A weather expert asked farmers in the area to be *careful* / *carefully*, especially when planting crops. In addition, he asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after *a* / *the* rain.

People in Aswan are worried *because* / *become* the scorpions in their town are very *dangerous* / *danger*. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are *between* / *among* the most dangerous scorpions *in* / *on* the world. The venom in their sting is very *poisonous* / *poison* and can kill a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions *lively* / *live* in the mountains and rarely *go* / *come* into contact with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear *proper* / *properly* footwear when they went outside to avoid *get* / *getting* bitten. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried *down* / *up*. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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people in aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town are very dangerous they are arabian fattailed scorpions their nickname is mankiller the al jazeera news agency says they are among the most dangerous scorpions in the world the venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human within an hour however fattailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely come into contact with humans the weather expert advised people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to avoid getting bitten he said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up less than one per cent of the worlds scorpion species are deadly

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Insects and other creatures will cause humans more problems in the future. Discuss.

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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SCORPIONS:** Make a poster about scorpions. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PROTECTION:** Write a magazine article about providing everyone with education to protect themselves against dangerous animals. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 scorpions. Ask him/her three questions about scorpions. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. g    4. e    5. a    6. f    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. e	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. j	7. b	8. d	9. h	10. g

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Aswan
2. An injection
3. Home
4. A weather expert
5. Snakes
6. Man-killer
7. Al Jazeera
8. An hour
9. When going outside
10. Less than one per cent

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Rain forced hundreds of creatures into the streets.
2. The people who were stung went to hospital.
3. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms.
4. A weather expert asked farmers in the area.
5. He asked people to be careful of snakes.
6. The scorpions in their town are very dangerous.
7. They are among the world's most dangerous scorpions.
8. The venom in their sting is very poisonous.
9. The expert advised people to wear proper footwear.
10. Numbers would go down after rainwater dried up.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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