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Level 4

MERS virus spreading

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THE READING

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The WHO has said the virus MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) is now serious and urgent. The WHO said MERS is not currently a global health emergency but needs to be monitored. It said declaring an emergency is "a major act" that can unnecessarily "raise anxieties." The virus has been reported in 18 countries since starting in Saudi Arabia in 2012. There have been 571 confirmed cases and 171 deaths.

The USA's Center for Disease Control said MERS is a viral respiratory illness. People who get it have a fever, cough, and severe shortness of breath. About 30 per cent of people died. Researchers think it came from camels. Everyone who got it had very close contact with other sufferers. Doctors say it does not spread like a flu virus. U.S. airports are telling people going to the Middle East to wash their hands and avoid contact with sick people.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/05/14/health/mers-outbreak/>
<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-trb-mers-cdc-airport-signs-20140513-story.html>
<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. serious | a. health emergency |
| 2 not currently a global | b. reported in 18 countries |
| 3. declaring | c. and urgent |
| 4. unnecessarily raise | d. and 171 deaths |
| 5. The virus has been | e. an emergency |
| 6. 571 confirmed cases | f. anxieties |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a viral respiratory | a. came from camels |
| 2 severe shortness | b. with sick people |
| 3. Researchers think it | c. of breath |
| 4. very close contact | d. like a flu virus |
| 5. it does not spread | e. illness |
| 6. avoid contact | f. with other sufferers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The WHO (1) _____ MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) is now (2) _____. The WHO said MERS is not currently a global health emergency (3) _____ monitored. It said declaring an emergency (4) _____ that can unnecessarily "(5) _____." The virus has been reported in 18 countries since starting in Saudi Arabia in 2012. There have been 571 (6) _____ 171 deaths.

The USA's Center for Disease Control said MERS (7) _____ illness. People who get it have (8) _____ severe shortness of breath. About 30 per cent of people died. Researchers think it came from camels. Everyone who got it had (9) _____ with other sufferers. Doctors say it does not (10) _____ virus. U.S. airports are (11) _____ to the Middle East to wash their hands and (12) _____ sick people.

VIRUSES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about viruses 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **viruses** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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