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Level 1

Ebola virus getting worse in Africa

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THE READING

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The Ebola virus is getting worse. So far, 763 people got the virus, and 468 of these died. The United Nations said it is the biggest and deadliest Ebola outbreak ever. Most deaths were in Guinea, where the outbreak started. People also died in neighbouring countries. African health ministers are getting worried. Eleven countries are meeting in Ghana. They will talk about how to control the situation. They want to stop people from dying.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said we should stop the virus. The WHO wants all countries to work together. It said if everyone helps, "we can get a grip and halt this outbreak". Trade between African countries can spread the virus easily. The WHO said we need "a strong response", especially in border areas where countries trade. This will not stop. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent of people who get it. There is no vaccine or cure for it.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-28108668>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. The Ebola virus | a. started |
| 2. the biggest and deadliest | b. the situation |
| 3. where the outbreak | c. ministers are getting worried |
| 4. People also died in neighbouring | d. people from dying |
| 5. African health | e. is getting worse |
| 6. Eleven countries are | f. Ebola outbreak ever |
| 7. talk about how to control | g. countries |
| 8. They want to stop | h. meeting in Ghana |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The World Health | a. response |
| 2. The WHO wants all countries | b. this outbreak |
| 3. get a grip and halt | c. or cure for it |
| 4. spread the virus | d. of people who get it |
| 5. we need a strong | e. easily |
| 6. in border areas where | f. Organization |
| 7. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent | g. to work together |
| 8. There is no vaccine | h. countries trade |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Ebola virus (1) _____. So far, 763 people got the virus, and 468 of these died. The United Nations said it is the (2) _____ Ebola outbreak ever. Most deaths were in Guinea, where (3) _____. People also died in neighbouring countries. African health (4) _____ tting worried. Eleven (5) _____ in Ghana. They will talk about how to (6) _____. They want to stop people from dying.

The World Health Organization (WHO) (7) _____ the virus. The WHO wants all countries (8) _____. It said if everyone helps, "we can get a grip and (9) _____ ". Trade between African countries can (10) _____ easily. The WHO said we need "a strong response", especially (11) _____ where countries trade. This will not stop. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent of people who get it. There is (12) _____ for it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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)
