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Level 2

Ebola virus getting worse in Africa

4th July, 2014

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THE READING

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The deadly Ebola virus is getting worse in Africa. More people are getting it. 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 of the deaths were in Guinea. This is where the outbreak started. People have also died in neighbouring countries. African health ministers are getting more worried about the outbreak. Ministers from 11 countries are meeting in the capital city of Ghana. They will talk about how they can control the situation. They want to stop more people from dying.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said action was needed to stop the virus from spreading. A spokesman said the WHO wanted all countries to work together. It said if everyone helps, "we can get a grip and halt this outbreak". This is important because trade between African countries can spread the virus easily. The WHO said "a strong response" was important, especially in border areas where there are commercial and social activities. It is unlikely this trading will stop. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent of people who get infected. There is no vaccine or cure for it.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-28108668>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/01/ebola-deaths-west-africa_n_5548344.html
<http://www.businessinsider.com/guinea-ebola-outbreak-is-worst-ever-2014-7#ixzz36HGSQlqs>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The deadly Ebola virus | a. city of Ghana |
| 2. More people are | b. about the outbreak |
| 3. This is where | c. from dying |
| 4. in neighbouring | d. the situation |
| 5. getting more worried | e. is getting worse |
| 6. meeting in the capital | f. countries |
| 7. how they can control | g. getting it |
| 8. They want to stop more people | h. the outbreak started |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. action was needed to stop the | a. was important |
| 2. the WHO wanted all countries | b. areas |
| 3. we can get a grip and | c. people who get infected |
| 4. The WHO said "a strong response" | d. virus from spreading |
| 5. in border | e. or cure for it |
| 6. It is unlikely this trading | f. halt this outbreak |
| 7. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent of | g. to work together |
| 8. There is no vaccine | h. will stop |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The deadly Ebola virus (1) _____ Africa. More people are getting it. So far, 763 people got the virus, and 468 of these died. The United Nations said it is (2) _____ Ebola outbreak ever. Most (3) _____ in Guinea. This is where the outbreak started. People have also died in neighbouring countries. African (4) _____ getting more worried (5) _____. Ministers from 11 countries are meeting in the capital city of Ghana. They will talk about how they can (6) _____. They want to stop more people from dying.

The World Health Organization (WHO) (7) _____ to stop the virus from spreading. A spokesman said the WHO wanted all countries (8) _____. It said if everyone helps, "we can (9) _____ this outbreak". This is important because trade between African countries (10) _____ easily. The WHO said (11) _____ important, especially in border areas where there are commercial and social activities. It is unlikely this trading will stop. Ebola kills up to 90 per cent of people who get infected. There (12) _____ cure 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)

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c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

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WRITING

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