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Anti-vaxxers blamed for 300% rise in measles

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THE READING

UNICEF has said measles cases worldwide surged by 300% in the first three months of 2019. Its report came out on the same day that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed that measles cases in the U.S. are the highest they've been since 2000. UNICEF reported that around 169 million children worldwide have missed measles vaccinations. Up to 110,000 people (mostly children) died from measles in 2017, up 22 per cent from 2016. UNICEF said: "The measles virus will always find unvaccinated children....We need to vaccinate every child, in rich and poor countries alike."

The CDC blamed the anti-vaccination movement for a drop in the number children getting vaccinated. The anti-vaxxer movement began in France in 1763. Doctors believed vaccines were harmful. The anti-vaxxer message is spreading across social media. Facebook vowed to remove anti-vaxxer posts. The CDC blamed the anti-vaxxer movement for the rise in measles cases because of misinformation about the safety of the measles vaccine. It said: "Some organizations are deliberately targeting...communities with inaccurate and misleading information about vaccines."

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	measles cases worldwide	a.	day
2.	the first three months	b.	children
3.	on the same	c.	every child
4.	the highest they've	d.	of 2019
5.	Up to	e.	alike
6.	find unvaccinated	f.	110,000 people
7.	We need to vaccinate	g.	surged by 300%
8.	rich and poor countries	h.	been

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	The CDC blamed the anti-	a.	vaccinated
2.	a drop in the number	b.	vaxxer posts
3.	getting	c.	social media
4.	Doctors believed vaccines	d.	about vaccines
5.	spreading across	e.	of children
6.	Facebook vowed to remove anti-	f.	cases
7.	the rise in measles	g.	vaccination movement
8.	misleading information	h.	were harmful

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

UNICEF has said measles cases worldwide (1) _____ in the first three months of 2019. Its report came out on (2) _____ that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed that measles cases in the U.S. are the highest (3) _____ 2000. UNICEF reported that around 169 million children worldwide have missed measles vaccinations. Up to 110,000 (4) _____ died from measles in 2017, up 22 per cent from 2016. UNICEF said: "The (5) _____ always find unvaccinated children....We need to vaccinate every child, in rich and (6) _____."

The CDC blamed the anti-vaccination movement (7) _____ in the number children getting vaccinated. The anti-vaxxer movement began in France in 1763. Doctors believed (8) _____. The anti-vaxxer message (9) _____ social media. Facebook vowed to remove anti-vaxxer posts. The CDC blamed the anti-vaxxer movement for the (10) _____ cases because of misinformation about the safety of (11) _____. It said: "Some organizations are deliberately targeting...communities (12) _____ misleading information about vaccines."

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MEASLES SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about measles 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) _____

WRITING

Write about **measles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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