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Level 4 – 2nd October, 2019

People told to avoid skin-lightening creams

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-4.html>

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-4.html>

Officials in the UK warned people about some skin-lightening creams. Some of the creams have banned ingredients and are illegal. They are on sale in UK stores. The creams could pose a serious threat to people's health. There has been an increase in the number of people with health problems after using the creams. These include rashes, burns and scars. The creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening industry is worth \$4.8 billion. It could double to around \$8.9 billion in ten years. There are "rogue retailers" selling illegal skin-lightening lotions. They do not put the illegal substances on the labels. Some of the ingredients are like paint stripper. It can burn off the top layer of skin. Some cream is very dangerous and could seriously damage people's health. It could scar you for life or even kill people.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/skin-lightening-creams-dangerous-health-scar-ingredients-illegal-banned-a9124071.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/28/illegal-skin-lightening-creams-on-sale-england-wales>
<https://inews.co.uk/news/consumer/public-warned-to-avoid-rogue-skin-lightening-creams-at-all-costs-which-act-like-paint-stripper-638100>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. banned | a. and scars |
| 2. They are on | b. to people's health |
| 3. pose a serious threat | c. damage |
| 4. an increase in the number | d. sale in UK stores |
| 5. health problems after using | e. of skin cancer |
| 6. rashes, burns | f. ingredients |
| 7. increase the risk | g. the creams |
| 8. liver and kidney | h. of people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The global skin-lightening | a. stripper |
| 2. It could double to around | b. for life |
| 3. rogue | c. industry |
| 4. put the illegal substances | d. people's health |
| 5. paint | e. \$8.9 billion |
| 6. burn off the top | f. on the labels |
| 7. seriously damage | g. retailers |
| 8. It could scar you | h. layer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Officials in the UK warned (1) _____ skin-lightening creams.

Some of the (2) _____ ingredients are illegal. They are

(3) _____ UK stores. The creams could pose a serious

threat to people's health. There has been an increase

(4) _____ of people with health (5) _____

the creams. These include rashes, burns and scars. The creams could

increase the risk of skin cancer, and (6) _____ damage.

The global skin-lightening (7) _____ \$4.8 billion. It could

double to around \$8.9 billion in ten years. There (8) _____

selling illegal skin-lightening lotions. They do not (9) _____

substances on the labels. Some of the ingredients are

(10) _____. It can burn off the top layer of skin. Some

cream is very dangerous and (11) _____ people's health. It

could scar you for life or (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SKIN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about skin 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) _____

