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Level 5 – 2nd October, 2019

People told to avoid skin-lightening creams

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-5.html>

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-5.html>

Local governments in the UK have warned consumers about the use of some skin-lightening creams. Some of the lightening creams they tested contained banned ingredients and so were illegal. However, they were on sale in UK stores. A spokesperson said the creams could pose a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include rashes, burns and scars. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening industry is estimated at \$4.8 billion. It is forecast to double to around \$8.9 billion in ten years. The local governments warned that "rogue retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions and omitted to put the illegal substances on the labels. Some of the ingredients acted like paint stripper. It could burn off the top layer of skin. A spokesperson said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all costs."

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. governments in the UK have | a. cancer |
| 2. they were on | b. increase |
| 3. creams could pose | c. kidney damage |
| 4. there has been an | d. health problems |
| 5. the number of users experiencing | e. warned consumers |
| 6. rashes, burns | f. a serious threat |
| 7. increase the risk of skin | g. and scars |
| 8. liver and | h. sale in UK stores |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It is forecast to double to | a. life |
| 2. rogue | b. like paint stripper |
| 3. Some of the ingredients acted | c. at all costs |
| 4. It could burn off the top | d. around \$8.9 billion |
| 5. Skin creams containing banned | e. your health |
| 6. seriously damage | f. layer of skin |
| 7. scar you for | g. retailers |
| 8. they should be avoided | h. ingredients |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream-5.html>

Local governments in the UK (1) _____ about the use of some skin-lightening creams. Some of the lightening creams (2) _____ banned ingredients and so were illegal. However, they (3) _____ in UK stores. A spokesperson said the creams could pose (4) _____ to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the (5) _____ experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include rashes, burns and scars. The spokesperson said the creams could (6) _____ of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening (7) _____ at \$4.8 billion. It is forecast to double to around \$8.9 billion in ten years. The local governments warned (8) _____ were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions and omitted to put the (9) _____ the labels. Some of the ingredients acted (10) _____. It could burn off the top layer of skin. A spokesperson said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and (11) _____ your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should (12) _____ all costs."

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) _____

WRITING

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