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**Level 0** – 24th January, 2020

## Coronavirus heightens global alarm

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-0.html>

There could be a new virus outbreak. The coronavirus started in China. It has killed 17 people. It went to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The WHO will decide if it is a global emergency. China asked people not to panic. Millions will travel across China to be with their families for the Chinese New Year.

The coronavirus came from animals in a market. It changed and spread to a human. It could change and spread more. The virus passes to people through the air. A doctor said it is like SARS, but different. It causes fever, cough and breathing problems. A 36-year-old woman from Beijing is afraid because there's no cure.

Sources: [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/22/c\\_138726671.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/22/c_138726671.htm)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There could be a new      | a. emergency           |
| 2. The coronavirus started   | b. not to panic        |
| 3. It has killed             | c. decide              |
| 4. It went to                | d. 17 people           |
| 5. The WHO will              | e. virus outbreak      |
| 6. a global                  | f. with their families |
| 7. China asked people        | g. the USA             |
| 8. travel across China to be | h. in China            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The coronavirus came       | a. is like SARS    |
| 2. It changed and spread to   | b. spread more     |
| 3. It could change and        | c. cure            |
| 4. The virus passes to people | d. a human         |
| 5. A doctor said it           | e. through the air |
| 6. It causes                  | f. problems        |
| 7. breathing                  | g. from animals    |
| 8. there's no                 | h. fever           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-0.html>

There could (1) \_\_\_\_\_ virus outbreak. The coronavirus (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It has killed 17 people. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. The WHO (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it is a global emergency. China asked people (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Millions will travel across China (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their families for the Chinese New Year.

The coronavirus (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in a market. It changed and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ human. It could change and spread more. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people through the air. A doctor said (10) \_\_\_\_\_ SARS, but different. It causes (11) \_\_\_\_\_ breathing problems. A 36-year-old woman from Beijing (12) \_\_\_\_\_ there's no cure.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200124-coronavirus-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about coronavirus 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) \_\_\_\_\_

