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## China coronavirus heightens global alarm

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# THE ARTICLE

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

Nations around the world are preparing for a possible major outbreak of a new deadly virus. The coronavirus, which started in the Chinese city of Wuhan, has already killed 17 people. It has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. More than 540 people have caught the virus and are in hospital. The World Health Organization (WHO) is meeting to decide whether the outbreak is a global health emergency. China is urging people not to panic ahead of the Chinese New Year next week. Millions of Chinese will be travelling across the country to spend the holiday season with their families. Meanwhile, the city of Wuhan has suspended its public transport systems to help stop the spread of the virus.

The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from illegally traded animals in a Wuhan market. The virus mutated and spread from an animal to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread further. Scientists say the virus is contagious and can be passed from person to person through the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the same family as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no cure for the virus."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CORONAVIRUS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about coronavirus. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

nations / outbreak / deadly virus / hospital / the WHO / emergency / panic / holiday / animals / market / mutate / contagious / air / virologist / family / fever / cough / cure

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. OUTBREAK:** Students A **strongly** believe governments are ready for an outbreak; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THREATS:** How serious are these threats to the world? How can we reduce them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Serious?	How to Reduce Them
Viruses		
Global warming		
Alien invasion		
Nuclear war		
Terrorism		
Overpopulation		

**5. VIRUS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "virus". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. PREPARING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to prepare for a coronavirus epidemic at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Water
- Radio
- Masks
- Flu vaccine
- Stay at home
- Buy lots of food
- Buy hand sanitizer
- Hospital phone numbers

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. major     | a. The sudden and big start of something bad, such as war, disease, etc.     |
| 2. outbreak  | b. Move over a larger and larger area.                                       |
| 3. virus     | c. Stopped something from working or happening for a short time.             |
| 4. spread    | d. Something that causes an infection or disease.                            |
| 5. urging    | e. Sudden uncontrollable fear, often causing wildly and unthinking behavior. |
| 6. panic     | f. Important, serious, or significant.                                       |
| 7. suspended | g. Trying to get people to do something.                                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. suspected   | h. Change or cause to change in form or nature.  |
| 9. mutate      | i. Being able to be spread from one person or organism to another by direct or indirect contact.           |
| 10. contagious | j. Make a disease or health problem leave someone's body.  |
| 11. pneumonia  | k. A physical or mental sign which shows you could have a disease or health problem.                       |
| 12. symptom    | l. An infection caused by bacteria or a virus, in which the lungs fill with a liquid and may become solid. |
| 13. cough      | m. Thought something was true, but without proof.  |
| 14. cure       | n. Air suddenly coming out of the lungs with a sharp sound.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Nations are not preparing for a possible virus outbreak. **T / F**
- b. The coronavirus has spread to four countries. **T / F**
- c. Over 1,540 people are in hospital because of the virus. **T / F**
- d. The article said China suspended public transport in eight different cities. **T / F**
- e. Scientists suspect the coronavirus came from insects in a market. **T / F**
- f. The coronavirus passes from person to person through the air. **T / F**
- g. The coronavirus belongs to the same virus family as SARS. **T / F**
- h. One of the symptoms of coronavirus is breathing difficulties. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>nations</b>    | a. crisis        |
| 2. <b>preparing</b>  | b. danger signs  |
| 3. <b>deadly</b>     | c. changed       |
| 4. <b>emergency</b>  | d. getting ready |
| 5. <b>panic</b>      | e. transferred   |
| 6. <b>mutated</b>    | f. freak out     |
| 7. <b>contagious</b> | g. countries     |
| 8. <b>passed</b>     | h. antidote      |
| 9. <b>symptoms</b>   | i. lethal        |
| 10. <b>cure</b>      | j. catching      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a possible major                | a. and spread further    |
| 2. More than 540 people have       | b. to panic              |
| 3. the outbreak is a global health | c. symptoms              |
| 4. China is urging people not      | d. outbreak              |
| 5. public                          | e. emergency             |
| 6. illegally traded animals        | f. no cure for the virus |
| 7. There are fears it could mutate | g. is contagious         |
| 8. Scientists say the virus        | h. transport             |
| 9. pneumonia-like                  | i. in a Wuhan market     |
| 10. I feel fearful because there's | j. caught the virus      |

# GAP FILL

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

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*caught*  
*emergency*  
*suspended*  
*already*  
*season*  
*possible*  
*spread*  
*ahead*

The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from (9) \_\_\_\_\_ traded animals in a Wuhan market. The virus (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and spread from an animal to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Scientists say the virus is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and can be passed from person to person through the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the same family as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like (14) \_\_\_\_\_, such as fever, cough and difficulty (15) \_\_\_\_\_. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for the virus."

*contagious*  
*breathing*  
*mutated*  
*further*  
*virologist*  
*cure*  
*illegally*  
*symptoms*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Nations around the world are preparing for a possible \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. majorly outbreak
  - b. major out breaks
  - c. measure out break
  - d. measure out beak
- 2) More than 540 people have caught the virus and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are on hospital
  - b. are in hospital
  - c. are at hospital
  - d. are to hospital
- 3) the outbreak is a global health emergency. China is urging people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. not to panics
  - b. not to panicked
  - c. not to panicking
  - d. not to panic
- 4) travelling across the country to spend the holiday season \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with their families
  - b. with them families
  - c. with there families
  - d. with the families
- 5) Meanwhile, the city of Wuhan has suspended its public \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. transported systems
  - b. transportation systems
  - c. transporter systems
  - d. transport systems
- 6) The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. illegally trade animals
  - b. illegally traded animals
  - c. illegally trade it animals
  - d. illegally tray did animals
- 7) The virus mutated and spread from an animal \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to a human
  - b. to a humane
  - c. to a humanist
  - d. to a humanism
- 8) Scientists say the virus \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is continuous
  - b. is contagious
  - c. is contiguous
  - d. is contains gas
- 9) He said people needed to look for pneumonia- \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. like symptoms
  - b. liked symptoms
  - c. likes symptoms
  - d. alike symptoms
- 10) a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. there's not cure
  - b. there's know cure
  - c. there's now cure
  - d. there's no cure

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Nations around the world are preparing for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ outbreak of a (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The coronavirus, which started in the Chinese city of Wuhan, has already killed 17 people. It has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. More than 540 people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ virus and are in hospital. The World Health Organization (WHO) is meeting to decide whether (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a global health emergency. China is urging people not to panic ahead of the Chinese New Year next week. Millions of Chinese will be travelling across the country to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ season with their families. Meanwhile, the city of Wuhan has suspended its public transport systems to help stop the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ virus.

The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in a Wuhan market. The virus mutated and spread from an animal to a human. There are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ mutate and spread further. Scientists say the virus is contagious and can be passed from person (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the virus."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What are nations doing for a possible major viral outbreak?
2. How many countries has the coronavirus spread to?
3. Who is meeting to decide if the coronavirus is an emergency?
4. What is China urging people not to do?
5. What has the city of Wuhan suspended?
6. Where do people suspect the coronavirus came from?
7. What are there fears the coronavirus might do?
8. How does the virus pass from person to person?
9. What is Linfa Wang's job?
10. What is a Beijing resident fearful of?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What are nations doing for a possible major viral outbreak?
  - a) very little
  - b) preparing
  - c) panicking
  - d) worrying
- 2) How many countries has the coronavirus spread to?
  - a) eight
  - b) 17
  - c) three
  - d) four
- 3) Who is meeting to decide if the coronavirus is an emergency?
  - a) the WHO
  - b) the UN
  - c) UNESCO
  - d) NATO
- 4) What is China urging people not to do?
  - a) kiss
  - b) drink in public
  - c) panic
  - d) cough
- 5) What has the city of Wuhan suspended?
  - a) schools
  - b) public transport
  - c) markets
  - d) city officials
- 6) Where do people suspect the coronavirus came from?
  - a) insects
  - b) a tourist
  - c) an animal market
  - d) a mysterious laboratory
- 7) What are there fears the coronavirus might do?
  - a) double in size
  - b) kill birds
  - c) close the city of Wuhan
  - d) mutate and spread further
- 8) How does the virus pass from person to person?
  - a) through the air
  - b) skin contact
  - c) through blood
  - d) in food
- 9) What is Linfa Wang's job?
  - a) a virologist
  - b) a violinist
  - c) a urologist
  - d) a pacifist
- 10) What is a Beijing resident fearful of?
  - a) an epidemic
  - b) there being no cure
  - c) running out of masks
  - d) animals

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Water**

You think water is the best thing to prepare for an epidemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a radio, masks or hand sanitizer.

## **Role B – A Radio**

You think a radio is the best thing to prepare for an epidemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): water, masks or hand sanitizer.

## **Role C – Masks**

You think masks are the best things to prepare for an epidemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a radio, water or hand sanitizer.

## **Role D – Hand Sanitizer**

You think hand sanitizer is the best thing to prepare for an epidemic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a radio, masks or water.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'virus' and 'outbreak'.

<b>virus</b>	<b>outbreak</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• possible</li><li>• started</li><li>• hospital</li><li>• decide</li><li>• millions</li><li>• stop</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• traded</li><li>• human</li><li>• person</li><li>• family</li><li>• fever</li><li>• cure</li></ul>
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# CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

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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.

# CORONAVIRUS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'virus'?
3. What do you know about the coronavirus?
4. How worried are you about the coronavirus?
5. What would you do if there was an outbreak in your country?
6. How can we make sure there is no outbreak?
7. What has your country told you about the coronavirus?
8. What would happen if millions of people panicked?
9. What would you do if your city was in lockdown?
10. Should China stop all flights out of Wuhan?

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# CORONAVIRUS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'outbreak'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How serious is a global pandemic?
15. What do you know about anti-microbial resistance?
16. What can governments do to stop a pandemic?
17. Should we worry more about measles than the coronavirus?
18. Will you worry if you get a fever and cough?
19. Do you think scientists will find a cure for the coronavirus?
20. What questions would you like to ask the virologist?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from illegally (7) \_\_\_\_\_ animals in a Wuhan market. The virus (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and spread from an animal to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread further. Scientists say the virus is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and can be passed from person to person through the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the same (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for the virus."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                   |                  |                 |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) possible   | (b) possibilities | (c) possibly     | (d) possibility |
| 2.  | (a) yet        | (b) still         | (c) already      | (d) since       |
| 3.  | (a) hurt       | (b) trapped       | (c) threw        | (d) caught      |
| 4.  | (a) decode     | (b) decide        | (c) decade       | (d) deuced      |
| 5.  | (a) avail      | (b) buy           | (c) purchase     | (d) spend       |
| 6.  | (a) suspension | (b) suspense      | (c) suspended    | (d) suspender   |
| 7.  | (a) trading    | (b) traded        | (c) trades       | (d) trade       |
| 8.  | (a) mutated    | (b) mutant        | (c) muted        | (d) mute        |
| 9.  | (a) contagious | (b) contagion     | (c) contagiously | (d) contiguous  |
| 10. | (a) relatives  | (b) relations     | (c) family       | (d) kin         |
| 11. | (a) caught     | (b) coffer        | (c) cuff         | (d) cough       |
| 12. | (a) curl       | (b) cure          | (c) curs         | (d) curt        |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. Nations around the world are rnagpiepr
2. a possible major rakteubo
3. a global health crneygeme
4. China is ingugr people not to panic
5. the holiday oassen
6. suspended its public transport eytsssm

## Paragraph 2

7. ylallegl traded animals
8. The virus utdmtae and spread
9. the virus is otuagosinc
10. a tlrivosoji at the Duke-National University
11. look for pneumonia-like tmomypps
12. fever, choug and difficulty breathing

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like
- ( ) the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the same family
- ( ) and Thailand. More than 540 people have caught the virus and are in hospital. The World Health Organization
- ( ) (WHO) is meeting to decide whether the outbreak is a global health emergency. China is
- ( ) urging people not to panic ahead of the Chinese New Year next week. Millions of Chinese will
- ( ) market. The virus mutated and spread from an animal to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread
- ( ) of Wuhan has suspended its public transport systems to help stop the spread of the virus.
- ( **1** ) Nations around the world are preparing for a possible major outbreak of a new deadly virus. The coronavirus, which started
- ( ) be travelling across the country to spend the holiday season with their families. Meanwhile, the city
- ( ) in the Chinese city of Wuhan, has already killed 17 people. It has spread to the USA, Japan, Korea
- ( ) further. Scientists say the virus is contagious and can be passed from person to person through
- ( ) woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no cure for the virus."
- ( ) symptoms, such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old
- ( ) The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from illegally traded animals in a Wuhan

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. A new of virus . deadly possible a outbreak
2. 540 than More caught people virus . have the
3. a whether the outbreak is emergency . Decide health
4. people urging to China not is panic .
5. with families . holiday season Spend the their
6. animals . illegally from Suspected traded have come to
7. from virus animal . and mutated spread an The
8. person from person through air . to Passed the
9. in Coronavirus is the SARS . family as same
10. no the there's for virus . because Fearful cure

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Nations around the world are *preparation / preparing* for a possible major outbreak of a new deadly *virus / viral*. The coronavirus, which started in the Chinese city of Wuhan, has *still / already* killed 17 people. It has *spreads / spread* to the USA, Japan, Korea and Thailand. More than 540 people have *caught / thrown* the virus and are in hospital. The World Health Organization (WHO) is meeting to decide whether the *uptake / outbreak* is a global health emergency. China is urging people not to panic *forward / ahead* of the Chinese New Year next week. Millions of Chinese will *have / be* travelling across the country to *spend / expand* the holiday season with their families. Meanwhile, the city of Wuhan has *suspended / suspense* its public transport systems to help stop the spread of the virus.

The new coronavirus is *suspicion / suspected* to have come from illegally traded animals in a Wuhan market. The virus *mutated / mated* and spread from an animal to a human. There *are / is* fears it could mutate and spread further. Scientists say the virus is *courageous / contagious* and can be *past / passed* from person to person *through / flew* the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the *shame / same* family as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as */ like* fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel *fearful / fearfully* because there's no *cure / cute* for the virus."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CORONAVIRUS:** Make a poster about coronavirus. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TRAVEL BAN:** Write a magazine article about having a travel ban until the coronavirus has disappeared. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on coronavirus. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stay away from the coronavirus. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. f
6. c	7. j	8. e	9. b	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Preparing
2. Four
3. The WHO
4. Panic
5. Public transport
6. An animal market
7. Mutate and spread further
8. Through the air
9. He's a virologist
10. There being no cure

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A possible outbreak of a new deadly virus.
2. More than 540 people have caught the virus.
3. Decide whether the outbreak is a health emergency.
4. China is urging people not to panic.
5. Spend the holiday season with their families.
6. Suspected to have come from illegally traded animals.
7. The virus mutated and spread from an animal.
8. Passed from person to person through the air.
9. Coronavirus is in the same family as SARS.
10. Fearful because there's no cure for the virus.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. c    7. d    8. a    9. a    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)