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COVID-19 could cut wildlife trade

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Experts think the trade in wildlife could be greatly cut because of the coronavirus pandemic. The virus probably started at a market selling wild animals. It came from either a bat or an animal called a pangolin and crossed over to humans. The conservation group Humane Society International said eating wild animals, "which can carry diseases that can cross the species barrier poses a real threat to human health." Other conservationists called for a ban in the wildlife trade. They said: "Not only will this help to prevent the spread of disease, it will [help to stop] species extinction."

The Zoological Society of London said animal markets could be "time bombs". It said they have perfect conditions for new viruses to start. It added that if we continued to buy and sell animals, we would be in trouble again. About 75 per cent of new infectious diseases come from animals. Recent examples are SARS, MERS and Ebola. Infections from animals lead to millions of illnesses and deaths worldwide every year. An expert said the world must act soon, because, "realistically, it's just a matter of time before the next [animal] disease risk emerges".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the trade in wildlife could | a. wildlife trade |
| 2. because of the coronavirus | b. at a market |
| 3. The virus probably started | c. group |
| 4. an animal called | d. humans |
| 5. crossed over to | e. be greatly cut |
| 6. conservation | f. barrier |
| 7. cross the species | g. pandemic |
| 8. a ban in the | h. a pangolin |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. animal markets could be | a. diseases |
| 2. they have perfect | b. continued |
| 3. if we | c. trouble again |
| 4. buy and | d. and deaths |
| 5. we would be in | e. "time bombs" |
| 6. infectious | f. sell animals |
| 7. millions of illnesses | g. of time |
| 8. it's just a matter | h. conditions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Experts think (1) _____ wildlife could be greatly cut because of the coronavirus pandemic. The virus (2) _____ a market selling wild animals. It came from (3) _____ or an animal called a pangolin and crossed over to humans. The conservation group Humane Society International said (4) _____, "which can carry diseases that can cross the species barrier poses a real threat to human health." Other conservationists called (5) _____ in the wildlife trade. They said: "Not only will this help to prevent the (6) _____, it will [help to stop] species extinction."

The Zoological Society of London said animal markets could (7) _____. It said they have perfect conditions for new viruses to start. It added that if we (8) _____ and sell animals, we would be in trouble again. About 75 per cent of new infectious (9) _____ animals. Recent examples are SARS, MERS and Ebola. Infections from (10) _____ millions of illnesses and deaths worldwide every year. An expert said the world (11) _____, because, "realistically, it's just a (12) _____ before the next [animal] disease risk emerges".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WILDLIFE TRADE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200409-wildlife-trade-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Wildlife trade 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) _____

