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Level 0 – 25th August, 2020

750 million genetically modified mosquitoes to be released

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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/2008/200825-mosquitoes-0.html>

Scientists will set free 750 million genetically modified mosquitoes. This is to cut the number of insects with diseases.

It will start next year in Florida. The modified mosquitoes are male. They carry something that will kill young females before they get to biting age. Only female mosquitoes bite us.

Environmental groups are not happy. One group called the plan a "Jurassic Park experiment". It called Florida "a testing ground for mutant bugs". It could damage ecosystems and create a new super-species of mosquito. It said the plan would put people and the environment at risk. The scientists said there was no risk.

Sources: <https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2020/08/21/florida-to-release-genetically-modified-mosquitoes-in-the-keys>
<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/genetically-modified-mosquitoes-florida-test-release>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53856776>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200825-mosquitoes-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. set | a. will kill young females |
| 2. This is to cut | b. in Florida |
| 3. insects with | c. to biting age |
| 4. It will start next year | d. bite us |
| 5. modified mosquitoes are | e. the number |
| 6. They carry something that | f. diseases |
| 7. before they get | g. male |
| 8. Only female mosquitoes | h. free |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Environmental groups | a. of mosquito |
| 2. a Jurassic Park | b. are not happy |
| 3. It called Florida a testing | c. was no risk |
| 4. mutant | d. experiment |
| 5. It could damage | e. at risk |
| 6. a new super-species | f. bugs |
| 7. people and the environment | g. ecosystems |
| 8. The scientists said there | h. ground |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200825-mosquitoes-0.html>

Scientists (1) _____ 750 million genetically modified mosquitoes. This (2) _____ the number of insects with diseases. It will (3) _____ in Florida. The modified (4) _____. They carry something that (5) _____ females before they get (6) _____. Only female mosquitoes bite us.

Environmental groups (7) _____. One group (8) _____ a "Jurassic Park experiment". It called Florida "(9) _____ for mutant bugs". It could damage ecosystems and (10) _____ super-species of mosquito. It said the plan (11) _____ and the environment at risk. The scientists said there (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MOSQUITOES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200825-mosquitoes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mosquitoes 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.

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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) _____

