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Level 5 – 12th August, 2019

Delivery of COVID vaccine needs 8,000 jumbo jets

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine-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/2009/200912-covid-vaccine-5.html>

When there is a vaccine for COVID-19, governments will be scrambling for aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of the biggest logistical operations ever. Airline experts say transporting the vaccine globally will need 8,000 747 cargo planes. This is enough for 7.8 billion doses of a vaccine - one dose for everyone on Earth. The experts warned governments they must start planning for the "mission of the century". They said: "If we assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face its largest single transport challenge ever."

The experts said many obstacles must be overcome to distribute a vaccine. One key element is to create temperature-controlled cargo hubs and warehouses. The vaccine must be kept at the same temperature throughout its journey. Staff must be trained and quickly become experts at safely handling the vaccine. The experts said another challenge would be security and cross-border controls. They said: "Vaccines will be highly valuable commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and theft."

Sources: <https://www.airlineratings.com/news/transporting-covid-19-vaccine-will-require-8000-747s/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. governments will be scrambling | a. the century |
| 2. one of the biggest logistical | b. industry |
| 3. This is enough for 7.8 | c. operations |
| 4. one dose for everyone | d. challenge |
| 5. planning for the mission of | e. billion doses |
| 6. half the needed vaccines can | f. for aircraft |
| 7. the air cargo | g. be transported |
| 8. face its largest single transport | h. on Earth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. many obstacles must be | a. would be security |
| 2. kept at the same | b. be in place |
| 3. experts at safely handling | c. temperature |
| 4. another challenge | d. and theft |
| 5. cross- | e. the vaccine |
| 6. Vaccines will be highly valuable | f. overcome |
| 7. Arrangements must | g. border controls |
| 8. remain secure from tampering | h. commodities |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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When there is (1) _____ COVID-19, governments will be scrambling for aircraft. Distributing the vaccine will be one of (2) _____ operations ever. Airline experts say transporting the vaccine globally will need 8,000 (3) _____. This is enough for 7.8 billion doses of a vaccine - (4) _____ everyone on Earth. The experts warned governments they must start planning for (5) _____ the century". They said: "If we assume that half the needed vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face (6) _____ transport challenge ever."

The experts said (7) _____ be overcome to distribute a vaccine. One (8) _____ to create temperature-controlled cargo hubs and warehouses. The vaccine (9) _____ at the same temperature throughout its journey. Staff must be trained and quickly become (10) _____ handling the vaccine. The experts said another challenge would be security and cross-border controls. They said: "Vaccines will (11) _____ commodities. Arrangements must be in place to ensure that shipments remain secure from (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VACCINES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200912-covid-vaccine-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about vaccines 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 **vaccines** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
