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Level 1 – 13th November, 2020

Scientists develop COVID-19 vaccine

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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This year has been full of bad news because of COVID-19. Now, there is good news. There is a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. Scientists from drug companies in the USA and Germany have developed a vaccine against COVID-19. It has a 90 per cent success rate and no serious side effects. The head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before people can get the vaccine. It must be stored at -80° Celsius. One of the drug companies said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this [important time]...when the world needs it most." He said infection rates were rising, hospitals were at full capacity and economies are struggling. He said we were a "significant step closer to help...end...this global health crisis".

Sources: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-11-10/editorial-a-ray-of-hope-for-the-pandemics-end-in-2021>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. This year has been full | a. vaccine |
| 2. Now, there is | b. companies |
| 3. a breakthrough in the fight | c. quite good |
| 4. drug | d. effects |
| 5. developed a | e. good news |
| 6. It has a 90 per cent | f. of bad news |
| 7. no serious side | g. success rate |
| 8. The results are really | h. against the virus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. health | a. closer |
| 2. it will be | b. capacity |
| 3. a great day for science | c. health crisis |
| 4. when the world needs | d. and humanity |
| 5. hospitals were at full | e. experts |
| 6. economies are | f. it most |
| 7. a significant step | g. months |
| 8. end this global | h. struggling |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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This year has (1) _____ bad news because of COVID-19. Now, there is good news. There is a breakthrough in the (2) _____ virus. Scientists from drug companies in the USA and Germany (3) _____ vaccine against COVID-19. It has a 90 per cent success rate and no (4) _____. The head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy (5) _____ said: "The results are (6) _____, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will (7) _____ people can get the vaccine. It must (8) _____ -80° Celsius. One of the drug companies said: "Today is a great (9) _____ and humanity....We are reaching this [important time]...when the world (10) _____." He said infection rates were rising, hospitals were (11) _____ and economies are struggling. He said we were a "significant step closer to help...end...this (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201113-covid-19-vaccine-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about COVID-19 vaccine 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 **COVID-19 vaccine** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
