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Scientists develop COVID-19 vaccine – 13th November, 2020

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This year has been full of bad news because of COVID-19. Now there is good news in the fight against the virus. Scientists made a vaccine. It has a 90 per cent success rate and no serious side effects. A top infectious diseases doctor said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before we get the vaccine. It must be kept at -80° Celsius. One drug company said: "Today is a great day for...humanity....We are reaching this [important time]...when the world needs it most." Infection rates are rising and hospitals are full, but we are closer to end this global health crisis.

Level 1

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".

Level 2

This year has largely been full of bad news because of COVID-19. Finally, there is good news. Scientists announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German company BioNTech. Researchers have developed a vaccine against COVID-19 with a 90 per cent success rate. The researchers say the vaccine has no serious side effects. The head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the vaccine was positive news. He 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 temperatures of -80° Celsius. The Pfizer CEO was happy with his company's success. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this [important time]...when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen....We are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help...end...this global health crisis."

Level 3

In a year that has largely been full of bad and tragic news because of COVID-19, there is finally some good news. Scientists have announced a breakthrough in the fight against the virus. The scientists are from the U.S. drug company Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech. Their researchers say they have developed a vaccine that has a 90 per cent success rate in protecting against COVID-19. The researchers also say the vaccine does not cause serious side effects. Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the USA's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the vaccine was positive news. He said: "The results are really quite good, I mean extraordinary."

Health experts say it will be months before the vaccine is widely available for people to take. It needs to be stored at temperatures of -80° Celsius. However, Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla was upbeat about his company's achievement. He said: "Today is a great day for science and humanity....We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most." He added: "Infection rates are setting new records, hospitals are nearing over-capacity and economies are struggling to reopen. With today's news, we are a significant step closer to providing people around the world with a much-needed breakthrough to help bring an end to this global health crisis."