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**Level 2 – 30th April, 2021**

## **World sends oxygen aid for India's COVID crisis**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid-2.html>

Many countries are sending oxygen to India. India currently has a COVID-19 crisis. It is the world's second most populous country, with 1.3 billion people. It is experiencing a big increase in COVID-19 cases. There are over 300,000 new cases every day. India's health system can no longer cope. Hospitals are turning people with the virus away. There are not enough beds. Many hospitals have run out of oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen to India. India's government has arranged for Amazon to deliver 100 ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson explained how urgent it was to help India. He said we have all seen in the past year how this pandemic is a global threat. It does not care what country, nationality or race you are from. He said people must work together to support each other. The WHO said the situation in India was "beyond heartbreaking". It is doing everything it can to provide important equipment and supplies, including mobile field hospitals. The WHO said: "The growth that we have seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. India currently has        | a. needed oxygen     |
| 2. the world's second most    | b. increase          |
| 3. It is experiencing a big   | c. no longer cope    |
| 4. There are over 300,000 new | d. populous country  |
| 5. India's health system can  | e. out of oxygen     |
| 6. There are not enough       | f. cases every day   |
| 7. Many hospitals have run    | g. beds              |
| 8. much-                      | h. a COVID-19 crisis |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. how urgent it was to              | a. you are from    |
| 2. this pandemic is a global         | b. astonishing     |
| 3. what country, nationality or race | c. can             |
| 4. work together to support          | d. in case numbers |
| 5. It is doing everything it         | e. help India      |
| 6. provide important equipment and   | f. each other      |
| 7. The growth that we have seen      | g. supplies        |
| 8. really, truly                     | h. threat          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many countries (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to India. India currently has a COVID-19 crisis. It is the world's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ country, with 1.3 billion people. It is experiencing a big increase in COVID-19 cases. There are over 300,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ day. India's health system can no longer cope. Hospitals are turning people with (4) \_\_\_\_\_. There are not enough beds. Many hospitals have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ oxygen. Singapore and the UK have sent much-needed oxygen to India. India's government has arranged for Amazon (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ventilators.

A Singapore Foreign Affairs spokesperson (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it was to help India. He said we have all seen in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this pandemic is a global threat. It does not care what country, nationality or race you are from. He said people must work (9) \_\_\_\_\_ each other. The WHO said the situation in India was "beyond heartbreaking". It is doing everything it (10) \_\_\_\_\_ important equipment and supplies, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ hospitals. The WHO said: "The growth that we have seen in case numbers is (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INDIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210430-oxygen-aid-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about India 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) \_\_\_\_\_

