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Level 4 – 8th August, 2022

Life expectancy in Africa grows by 10 years

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy-4.html>

Life expectancy in Africa rose by nearly 10 years from 2000 to 2019. The average age an African died at rose from 46 to 56. The rise was the biggest of anywhere in the world.

However, it was far below the global average of 64 years. The WHO says the improvement is because of better maternal and child healthcare. Advances in fighting infectious diseases, like malaria and HIV, and easier access to health services also helped.

The WHO urged African nations to keep the momentum going, so life expectancy rates keep rising. It called for more investment in healthcare to deal with future challenges. There will be more pressure on hospitals from growing populations. The WHO said there was a big increase in the numbers of Africans with high blood pressure and diabetes. It added: "Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be jeopardized."

Sources: <https://www.voanews.com/a/life-expectancy-in-africa-increases-nearly-10-years/6687204.html>
<https://africatimes.com/2022/08/05/african-life-expectancy-improves-by-10-years-from-2000-2019/>
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1123972>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. rose by | a. healthcare |
| 2. rose | b. in the world |
| 3. the biggest of anywhere | c. services |
| 4. far | d. nearly 10 years |
| 5. the global average | e. below |
| 6. maternal and child | f. diseases |
| 7. infectious | g. of 64 years |
| 8. easier access to health | h. from 46 to 56 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. keep the momentum | a. on hospitals |
| 2. deal | b. measures |
| 3. There will be more pressure | c. with future challenges |
| 4. growing | d. be jeopardized |
| 5. there was a big increase | e. going |
| 6. high blood | f. in the numbers |
| 7. countries enhance | g. pressure |
| 8. the health gains could | h. populations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy-4.html>

Life expectancy in Africa (1) _____ 10 years from 2000 to 2019. The (2) _____ African died at rose from 46 to 56. The rise was the biggest of anywhere in the world. However, it was far below the (3) _____ 64 years. The WHO says the improvement is because of better (4) _____ healthcare. Advances in (5) _____, like malaria and HIV, and easier (6) _____ services also helped.

The WHO urged African nations to keep (7) _____, so life expectancy (8) _____. It called for more investment in healthcare to (9) _____ challenges. There will be (10) _____ hospitals from growing populations. The WHO said there was a big increase (11) _____ Africans with high blood pressure and diabetes. It added: "Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LIFE EXPECTANCY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about life expectancy 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) _____

