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Level 5 – 2nd October 2023

France battles to stop spread of bedbugs

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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France is under attack from the bedbug. Video footage on social media shows the bugs crawling around on the Paris metro. Sightings have also been reported in cinemas and at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport. The deputy mayor of Paris said there was a proliferation of the tiny creatures. He said his government was acting to deal with the "widespread" rise in bedbugs. He also said: "You have to understand that in reality, no one is safe. Obviously, there are risk factors, but, you can catch bedbugs anywhere in the world and bring them home."

France's bedbug problem is not new. Three years ago, there was a campaign to reduce infestations in cities. However, despite different measures, the numbers of the blood-sucking insects surged. There is a new initiative to cut bug populations, ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics. This includes fumigation companies helping to exterminate the bugs. The deputy mayor said there was no threat to the Olympics. He said: "Bedbugs existed before and they will exist afterwards." A sanitation expert agreed, saying the problem was, "an emerging phenomenon...almost everywhere".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. France is under attack | a. the tiny creatures |
| 2. Video footage | b. reported in cinemas |
| 3. bugs crawling | c. on social media |
| 4. Sightings have also been | d. no one is safe |
| 5. The deputy | e. factors |
| 6. a proliferation of | f. from the bedbug |
| 7. in reality, | g. mayor of Paris |
| 8. risk | h. around |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. France's bedbug problem | a. companies |
| 2. a campaign to reduce | b. sucking insects |
| 3. blood- | c. bug populations |
| 4. a new initiative to cut | d. expert |
| 5. fumigation | e. phenomenon |
| 6. helping to exterminate | f. is not new |
| 7. a sanitation | g. the bugs |
| 8. an emerging | h. infestations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France is (1) _____ the bedbug. Video footage on social media shows the bugs (2) _____ the Paris metro. Sightings have also been reported in cinemas and at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport. The (3) _____ Paris said there was a proliferation of the tiny creatures. He said his government was (4) _____ with the "widespread" rise in bedbugs. He also said: "You have to understand that in reality, no one is safe. Obviously, there (5) _____, but, you can catch bedbugs anywhere in the (6) _____ them home."

France's bedbug problem is not new. Three years ago, there was a campaign to (7) _____ cities. However, despite different measures, the numbers of (8) _____ insects surged. There is a new (9) _____ bug populations, ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics. This includes fumigation companies helping to exterminate the bugs. The (10) _____ there was no threat to the Olympics. He said: "Bedbugs existed before and they will exist afterwards." A (11) _____, saying the problem was, "(12) _____...almost everywhere".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEDBUGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231002-bedbugs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bedbugs 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) _____

