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Level 4 – 19th August 2024

World on alert as deadly mpox virus spreads

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240819-mpox-4.html>

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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/2408/240819-mpox-4.html>

There is an outbreak of the deadly mpox virus in Africa. The WHO declared a global health emergency. It called for action to curb the virus. The first case was in Congo in June. It has now spread to 13 African nations. Last week, Sweden and Pakistan reported cases. The WHO said there have been 524 deaths this year. A spokesperson in Europe said imported cases of mpox were likely. It said the chances of outbreaks in Europe were low.

Mpox is spread through skin-to-skin contact and contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through sneezes, coughs, or by talking to an infected person. Mpox is less contagious than Covid-19. Mpox symptoms include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of itchy and painful blisters. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are in the West.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/mpox-covid-who-pandemic-59548adbbd58df7e5d176fc244e02a58>
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/8/17/how-far-has-mpox-spread-and-how-can-you-protect-yourself>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. an outbreak of the | a. Europe were low |
| 2. The WHO declared a global | b. to curb the virus |
| 3. It called for action | c. cases of mpox |
| 4. The first case was in | d. health emergency |
| 5. It has now spread | e. 524 deaths this year |
| 6. there have been | f. Congo in June |
| 7. imported | g. deadly mpox virus |
| 8. the chances of outbreaks in | h. to 13 African nations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mpox is spread through - | a. of the mpox vaccine |
| 2. contaminated | b. infected person |
| 3. It can also | c. skin to-skin contact |
| 4. talking to an | d. contagious |
| 5. Mpox is less | e. are in the West |
| 6. hundreds of itchy and | f. spread through sneezes |
| 7. There are insufficient supplies | g. painful blisters |
| 8. Most supplies | h. clothes |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ the deadly mpox virus in Africa. The WHO (2) _____ health emergency. It called for (3) _____ the virus. The first case was in Congo in June. It has (4) _____ 13 African nations. Last week, Sweden and Pakistan reported cases. The WHO said there have been 524 (5) _____. A spokesperson in Europe said imported cases of mpox were likely. It said the (6) _____ in Europe were low.

Mpox is (7) _____-to-skin contact and contaminated (8) _____. It can also spread through (9) _____ by talking to (10) _____.

Mpox is less contagious than Covid-19. Mpox symptoms include rash, fever, (11) _____. The rash develops into hundreds of itchy and painful blisters. There are (12) _____ the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are in the West.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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aglobalhealthemergency.Itcalledforactiontocurbthevirus.Thefirstca
sewasinCongoinJune.Ithasnowspreadto13Africannations.Lastweek
,SwedenandPakistanreportedcases.TheWHOsaidtherehavebeen52
4deathsthisyear.AspokespersoninEuropesaidimportedcasesofmpox
werelikely.ItsaidthechancesofoutbreaksinEuropewerelow.Mpoxissp
readthroughskin-to-skincontactandcontaminatedclothesorbedshee
ts.Itcanalsospreadthroughsneezes,coughs,orbytalkingtoaninfected
person.Mpoxislesscontagious thanCovid-19.Mpoxsymptomsinclude
rash,fever,andmuscleaches.Therashdevelopsintohundredsofitchya
ndpainfulblisters.Thereareinsufficient suppliesofthempoxvaccineinA
frica.MostsuppliesareintheWest.

MPOX SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about mpox 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) _____

