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Level 0 – 16th October 2025

Drug-resistant superbugs spreading, says WHO

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The WHO warned about an increase in superbugs that drugs cannot kill. One in six bugs tested by researchers was drug-resistant. Many of the drugs have been saving lives for many years. Cuts and infections could kill us in the future because drugs will not kill the bacteria. The WHO said our lives are "at risk".

The WHO looked at data from 100 countries. Drug resistance is highest in Southeast Asia. There, 1 in 3 infections was resistant. Bugs are becoming drug-resistant faster than we can make new drugs. Drug resistance has increased a lot since 2018. Not enough testing is being done to create better drugs.

Sources: <https://www.who.int/news/item/13-10-2025-who-warns-of-widespread-resistance-to-common-antibiotics-worldwide>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The WHO warned about | a. researchers |
| 2. superbugs that drugs | b. future |
| 3. One in | c. cannot kill |
| 4. tested by | d. saving lives |
| 5. drugs have been | e. are "at risk" |
| 6. Cuts and | f. an increase |
| 7. in the | g. infections |
| 8. The WHO said our lives | h. six bugs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The WHO looked at data | a. was resistant |
| 2. Drug resistance is highest in | b. since 2018 |
| 3. 1 in 3 infections | c. new drugs |
| 4. Bugs are becoming drug-resistant | d. drugs |
| 5. make | e. from 100 countries |
| 6. increased a lot | f. being done |
| 7. Not enough testing is | g. faster |
| 8. create better | h. Southeast Asia |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The WHO (1) _____ increase in superbugs that (2) _____. One in six bugs tested by researchers was drug-resistant. (3) _____ drugs have been (4) _____ many years. Cuts and infections could (5) _____ the future because drugs will not kill the bacteria. The WHO said our lives (6) _____.

The WHO (7) _____ from 100 countries. Drug resistance (8) _____ Southeast Asia. There, 1 in 3 infections was resistant. (9) _____ drug-resistant (10) _____ can make new drugs. Drug resistance has (11) _____ since 2018. Not enough testing is being (12) _____ better drugs.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUPERBUGS

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Write five GOOD questions about superbugs 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **superbugs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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