

www.**Breaking News English**.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 0

More gum disease today than 2,000 years ago

28th October, 2014

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141028-gum-disease-0.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Vocabulary Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Writing and Speaking	6
Writing	7

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

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

Google +



<https://plus.google.com/+SeanBanville>

THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141028-gum-disease-0.html>

There is more gum disease today than 2,000 years ago.

Researchers looked at the teeth of people who lived 2,000 years ago. Only 5 per cent of them had gum disease. Today, up to 30 per cent of people have gum disease. People did not have toothbrushes, toothpaste or dentists 2,000 years ago.

Smoking is the biggest reason for gum disease. A researcher said gum disease could go down if people stop smoking. Gum disease is because of bacteria in your mouth. The bacteria can make your teeth fall out. People can stop gum disease if they brush their teeth. They should also stop smoking.

Sources: <http://www.healthcanal.com/oral-dental-health/56640-romans-had-less-gum-disease-than-modern-britons.html>
<http://www.nature.com/bdj/journal/v217/n8/full/sj.bdj.2014.908.html>
<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/news/2014/oct/gum-disease-worse-now-than-in-roman-britain133420.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141028-gum-disease-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There is more gum disease | a. have gum disease |
| 2. 2,000 years | b. of them |
| 3. researchers looked | c. or dentists |
| 4. people who | d. today |
| 5. Only 5 per cent | e. at the teeth |
| 6. up to 30 per cent of people | f. lived 2,000 years ago |
| 7. People did not have | g. ago |
| 8. toothpaste | h. toothbrushes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Smoking is the | a. gum disease |
| 2. A researcher said gum disease could | b. mouth |
| 3. Gum disease is because | c. stop smoking |
| 4. in your | d. of bacteria |
| 5. make your teeth fall | e. go down |
| 6. People can stop | f. biggest reason |
| 7. brush their | g. out |
| 8. They should also | h. teeth |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141028-gum-disease-0.html>

(1) _____ disease today than 2,000 years ago.

Researchers (2) _____ teeth of people who

lived 2,000 years ago. Only 5 per cent

(3) _____ disease. Today, up to 30 per

(4) _____ have gum disease. People did not

(5) _____, toothpaste or dentists

(6) _____.

Smoking is (7) _____ for gum disease. A

researcher said gum disease (8) _____ if people

stop smoking. Gum (9) _____ of bacteria in

your mouth. The bacteria can make your

(10) _____. People

(11) _____ disease if they brush their teeth.

They should (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141028-gum-disease-0.html>

There is more gum disease today than 2,000 years ago. Researchers look
ed at the teeth of people who lived 2,000 years ago. Only 5 percent of them
had gum disease. Today, up to 30 percent of people have gum disease. Pe
ople did not have toothbrushes, toothpaste or dentists 2,000 years ago.
Smoking is the biggest reason for gum disease. A researcher said gum dis
ease could go down if people stop smoking. Gum disease is because of bac
teria in your mouth. The bacteria can make your teeth fall out. People can
stop gum disease if they brush their teeth. They should also stop smoking.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

More gum disease today than 2,000 years ago – 28th October, 2014
More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

