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Level 4 – 29th April, 2019

Anti-vaxxers blamed for 300% rise in measles

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

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THE READING

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UNICEF said measles cases worldwide surged by 300% this year. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said measles cases in the U.S. are the highest since 2000. UNICEF said around 169 million children worldwide have missed measles vaccinations. Measles killed 110,000 people (mostly children) in 2017, up 22 per cent from 2016. UNICEF said: "The measles virus will always find unvaccinated children....We need to vaccinate every child."

The CDC blamed the anti-vaccination movement for the surge in measles cases. The anti-vaxxer movement began in 1763. Doctors believed vaccines were harmful. The anti-vaxxer message is spreading across social media. Facebook vowed to remove anti-vaxxer posts. The CDC said the anti-vaxxer movement spread misinformation about the safety of the measles vaccine. It said anti-vaxxers "are deliberately targeting...communities".

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2019/04/24/716953746/cdc-reports-largest-u-s-measles-outbreak-since-year-2000>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48039524>
<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/unicef-blames-anti-vaxxers-for-the-300-spike-in-global-measles-outbreaks-2019-04-25>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190429-measles-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. measles cases worldwide surged | a. 110,000 people |
| 2. the highest since | b. worldwide |
| 3. around 169 million children | c. every child |
| 4. missed measles | d. children |
| 5. Measles killed | e. from 2016 |
| 6. up 22 per cent | f. by 300% |
| 7. find unvaccinated | g. 2000 |
| 8. We need to vaccinate | h. vaccinations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the surge in measles | a. media |
| 2. The anti-vaxxer movement | b. vaccine |
| 3. vaccines were | c. began in 1763 |
| 4. spreading across social | d. communities |
| 5. Facebook vowed to remove anti- | e. misinformation |
| 6. the anti-vaxxer movement spread | f. harmful |
| 7. the safety of the measles | g. cases |
| 8. deliberately targeting | h. vaxxer posts |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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UNICEF said measles (1) _____ by 300% this year. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (2) _____ in the U.S. are the (3) _____. UNICEF said around 169 million children worldwide (4) _____ vaccinations. Measles killed 110,000 people (mostly children) in 2017, up 22 per cent from 2016. UNICEF said: "The measles (5) _____ find unvaccinated children....We need to (6) _____."

The CDC blamed the anti-vaccination movement (7) _____ in measles cases. The anti-vaxxer (8) _____ 1763. Doctors believed vaccines were harmful. The anti-vaxxer (9) _____ across social media. Facebook (10) _____ anti-vaxxer posts.

The CDC said the anti-vaxxer movement spread misinformation about the (11) _____ measles vaccine. It said anti-vaxxers "are (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MEASLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190429-measles-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about measles 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) _____

