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U.S. to encourage use of face masks

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

The USA could soon be encouraging Americans to wear face masks or scarves. There has been a lot of talk about whether or not face masks are effective in helping slow down the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The government is set to encourage Americans to use homemade face coverings like cloth masks, bandanas and scarves. The WHO and other health organisations have recommended that people who are not sick do not need to wear masks or cover their face. However, other organisations say face masks can slow the spread of the virus. They point to countries like Singapore and South Korea, where people wear masks and reported infection rates are lower.

Health experts in the USA believe that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people spreading the virus and give a little protection to those who have not contracted it. Health officials are worried that if everyone rushes out to buy masks, there may not be enough for nurses, doctors and other key workers. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might feel safe wearing one and mix more with other people. Another thing health experts are worried about is that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people from catching the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not touching your face."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/04/coronavirus-moves-promoting-broader-face-masks-200402214522519.html>
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-set-to-urge-americans-to-wear-face-coverings-when-outside/ar-BB125M6I>
<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/white-house-face-masks-coronavirus>

WARM-UPS

1. FACE MASKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about face masks. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

face mask / scarves / effective / government / health / face / spread / virus / infection experts / risk / protection / health officials / nurses / doctors / washing hands / mix

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. MASKS: Students A **strongly** believe we should all wear face masks; Students B **strongly** believe not everyone should wear one. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SAFETY: How effective are these things at keeping us safe during the COVID-19 pandemic? What is your experience of these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Effectiveness	Your Experience
Masks		
Hand washing		
Social distancing		
Online learning		
Hand sanitiser		
Lockdowns		

5. RISK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "risk". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WORRIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest worries about COVID-19 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- No face masks
- Food shortages
- Staying at home
- Bad governments
- When covid-19 will go
- Touching things
- People in public
- Money

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. encouraging | a. Giving someone support or confidence. |
| 2. effective | b. A disease that we catch from others or things. |
| 3. cloth | c. Good or successful in giving a wanted or planned result. |
| 4. recommended | d. Move over a large or increasing area. |
| 5. spread | e. A material made from wool, cotton, or a similar fiber. |
| 6. infection | f. Put forward someone or something as being good or best for a particular purpose or role. |
| 7. rate | g. The speed of something moving, happening, or changing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. experts | h. Very, very important. |
| 9. reduce | i. Caught or developed a disease. |
| 10. protection | j. People who have a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 11. contracted | k. Talk to and be with other people. |
| 12. key | l. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |
| 13. mix | m. Staying away from other people by keeping space between them and you. |
| 14. distancing | n. The act of keeping safe from something or keeping people safe from something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The USA will force people to wear masks. **T / F**
- b. The USA is asking people to make their own masks. **T / F**
- c. The WHO said people who are not sick do not need to wear masks. **T / F**
- d. Some organisations say masks can help to slow the spread of the virus. **T / F**
- e. Health officials believe there are enough masks for nurses. **T / F**
- f. Officials said wearing a mask does not make people feel safer. **T / F**
- g. Officials say homemade masks are great at stopping the virus. **T / F**
- h. The White House said social distancing was very important. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. encouraging | a. ill |
| 2. effective | b. specialists |
| 3. sick | c. virus |
| 4. slow | d. vital |
| 5. infection | e. successful |
| 6. experts | f. sufficient |
| 7. reduce | g. urging |
| 8. enough | h. stop |
| 9. prevent | i. hold back |
| 10. important | j. cut |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There has been a | a. of the virus |
| 2. cloth | b. experts in the USA |
| 3. people who | c. masks |
| 4. slow the spread | d. your face |
| 5. reported infection | e. lot of talk |
| 6. health | f. out to buy masks |
| 7. reduce the risk of people | g. distancing |
| 8. everyone rushes | h. rates are lower |
| 9. social | i. are not sick |
| 10. not touching | j. spreading the virus |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

The USA could soon be (1) _____ Americans to wear face masks or scarves. There has been a lot of talk about (2) _____ or not face masks are effective in helping slow down the (3) _____ of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The government is set to encourage Americans to use homemade face (4) _____ like cloth masks, bandanas and scarves. The WHO and other health organisations have recommended that people who are not (5) _____ do not need to wear masks or (6) _____ their face. However, other organisations say face masks can slow the (7) _____ of the virus. They point to countries like Singapore and South Korea, where people wear masks and reported infection rates are (8) _____.

coverings

cover

whether

lower

encouraging

spread

spread

sick

Health (9) _____ in the USA believe that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people spreading the virus and give a little (10) _____ to those who have not contracted it. Health officials are worried that if everyone (11) _____ out to buy masks, there may not be enough for nurses, doctors and other (12) _____ workers. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might feel (13) _____ wearing one and mix more with other people. Another thing health experts are (14) _____ about is that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people from (15) _____ the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not (16) _____ your face."

experts

safe

catching

rushes

touching

protection

worried

key

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

- 1) talk about whether or not face masks are effective in helping slow _____
 - a. downs the spread
 - b. downed the spread
 - c. downer the spread
 - d. down the spread
- 2) The government is set to encourage Americans to use homemade _____
 - a. face cover in
 - b. face cover rings
 - c. face cover ins
 - d. face coverings
- 3) people who are not sick do not need to wear masks or _____
 - a. cover their face
 - b. cover there face
 - c. cover they're face
 - d. cover there face
- 4) However, other organisations say face masks can slow the _____ virus
 - a. spread oft the
 - b. spread if the
 - c. spread of the
 - d. spread off the
- 5) where people wear masks and reported infection _____
 - a. rates are lowers
 - b. rates are lower
 - c. rate are lower
 - d. grates are lower
- 6) Health experts in the USA believe that wearing a mask could _____
 - a. reduce the risk
 - b. deduce the risk
 - c. induce the risk
 - d. deuce the risk
- 7) give a little protection to those who have _____
 - a. knot contracted it
 - b. not contracted it
 - c. note contracted it
 - d. non contracted it
- 8) Health officials are worried that if everyone _____
 - a. rush is out
 - b. lashes out
 - c. brushes out
 - d. rushes out
- 9) make the problem worse because people might feel safe wearing one _____
 - a. and mixes much
 - b. and mix more
 - c. and nix more
 - d. and mix many
- 10) social distancing, washing your hands and not _____
 - a. touching your face
 - b. touch in their face
 - c. touching yore face
 - d. touching hour face

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Health experts in the USA believe that wearing a mask (7) _____ risk of people spreading the virus and give a little (8) _____ who have not contracted it. Health officials are worried that if everyone rushes out to buy masks, there may not be enough for nurses, doctors and (9) _____. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might (10) _____ one and mix more with other people. Another thing health experts are worried about is that homemade masks (11) _____ prevent people from catching the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and (12) _____ face."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

1. What is the USA encouraging Americans to wear besides masks?
2. What kind of masks is the government suggesting people make?
3. What did the WHO advise for people who are not sick?
4. What did some organisations say masks can do to the virus' spread?
5. Where did health officials say infection rates were lower?
6. What are health officials worried about people rushing out to do?
7. Who might not have masks if people buy them all?
8. What might people do if they feel safer?
9. Who said homemade masks are insufficient to protect against the virus?
10. What did the White House recommend besides hand washing?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

- 1) What is the USA encouraging Americans to wear besides masks?
 - a) screens
 - b) scarves
 - c) skirts
 - d) coats
- 2) What kind of masks is the government suggesting people make?
 - a) plastic masks
 - b) silk masks
 - c) cloth masks
 - d) airtight masks
- 3) What did the WHO advise for people who are not sick?
 - a) exercise
 - b) eat well
 - c) stay away from hospitals
 - d) to not wear a mask
- 4) What did some organisations say masks can do to the virus' spread?
 - a) make it global
 - b) slow it
 - c) make it faster
 - d) stop it
- 5) Where did health officials say infection rates were lower?
 - a) S. Korea and Singapore
 - b) Japan and S. Korea
 - c) Singapore and Taiwan
 - d) Japan and Taiwan
- 6) What are health officials worried about people rushing out to do?
 - a) buy masks
 - b) go to malls
 - c) infect people
 - d) exercise
- 7) Who might not have masks if people buy them all?
 - a) teachers
 - b) children
 - c) old people
 - d) doctors and nurses
- 8) What might people do if they feel safer?
 - a) stay at home more
 - b) spend more
 - c) mix more
 - d) talk more
- 9) Who said homemade masks are insufficient to protect against the virus?
 - a) doctors
 - b) mask makers
 - c) the White House
 - d) health officials
- 10) What did the White House recommend besides hand washing?
 - a) exercising
 - b) social distancing
 - c) sleeping well
 - d) vitamin C

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – No Face Masks

You think no face masks is the biggest COVID-19 worry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): money, touching things or people in public.

Role B – Money

You think money is the biggest COVID-19 worry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): no face masks, touching things or people in public.

Role C – Touching Things

You think touching things is the biggest COVID-19 worry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): money, no face masks or people in public.

Role D –People in public

You think people in public is the biggest COVID-19 worry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): money, touching things or no face masks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'face' and 'mask'.

face	mask

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• encouraging• effective• other• need• point• rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• risk• rushes• worse• mix• insufficient• hands
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FACE MASKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about face masks 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.

FACE MASKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'face'?
3. What do you think of face masks?
4. Why can't scientists agree on the effectiveness of face masks?
5. Would you feel safer wearing a face mask?
6. Would a scarf or bandana help during this crisis?
7. Should governments spend more money on face masks?
8. Why do so many people in Asian countries like Japan wear masks?
9. Should governments order everyone to wear a mask?
10. What are you doing to stay safe?

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FACE MASKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'mask'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should we give all masks to hospitals?
15. When someone wears a mask, do you stay away from them?
16. What would you use in a homemade mask?
17. What has your country's leader said about masks?
18. Should you be washing your hands more often?
19. How important is keeping your distance from people?
20. What questions would you like to ask coronavirus experts?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Health experts in the USA (7) _____ that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people spreading the virus and give a little protection to (8) _____ who have not contracted it. Health officials are worried that if everyone (9) _____ out to buy masks, there may not be enough for nurses, doctors and other key workers. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might (10) _____ safe wearing one and mix more with other people. Another thing health experts are worried about is that homemade masks are insufficient (11) _____ prevent people from catching the virus. The White House said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not (12) _____ your face."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) encouraged | (b) encouraging | (c) encourages | (d) encourage |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) of | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) met | (b) let | (c) bet | (d) set |
| 4. | (a) healthful | (b) health | (c) healthy | (d) healthier |
| 5. | (a) needy | (b) need | (c) necessary | (d) needing |
| 6. | (a) injection | (b) injunction | (c) infection | (d) inaction |
| 7. | (a) beliefs | (b) believing | (c) believe | (d) believer |
| 8. | (a) them | (b) they | (c) those | (d) there |
| 9. | (a) leashes | (b) rashes | (c) lashes | (d) rushes |
| 10. | (a) feel | (b) meek | (c) greed | (d) seen |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) at | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) touches | (b) touch | (c) touching | (d) touched |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. face masks are tfeivefec
2. slow down the rpdase
3. use deohmema face coverings
4. masks, bandanas and rsevcas
5. other gaonisoitasrn
6. reported etciionnf rates are lower

Paragraph 2

7. Health extrpse in the USA
8. give a little etoroipcnt
9. nsruse, doctors and other key workers
10. masks are uninitefsifc
11. prevent people from catching the srivu
12. social nsnticiadg

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () worried that if everyone rushes out to buy masks, there may not be enough for nurses, doctors and other key
- (**1**) The USA could soon be encouraging Americans to wear face masks or scarves. There has been a lot of talk
- () spreading the virus and give a little protection to those who have not contracted it. Health officials are
- () who are not sick do not need to wear masks or cover their face. However, other
- () workers. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might feel
- () safe wearing one and mix more with other people. Another thing health experts are worried about
- () organisations say face masks can slow the spread of the virus. They point to countries like Singapore
- () masks, bandanas and scarves. The WHO and other health organisations have recommended that people
- () is that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people from catching the virus. The White House
- () and South Korea, where people wear masks and reported infection rates are lower.
- () said: "The most important thing is the social distancing, washing your hands and not touching your face."
- () about whether or not face masks are effective in helping slow down the spread of the COVID-19
- () coronavirus. The government is set to encourage Americans to use homemade face coverings like cloth
- () Health experts in the USA believe that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

1. not Whether are or face masks effective .
2. cloth like masks . face coverings homemade Use
3. do who People need to . aren't not sick
4. of Masks spread virus . the slow the can
5. rates wear People masks and are lower . infection
6. virus . spreading people risk Reduce the the of
7. not nurses . There be enough may for
8. worse . make mask A problem the could
9. people the catching to prevent Insufficient virus . from
10. thing social The is most distancing . the important

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

The USA could soon be *encouraged* / *encouraging* Americans to wear face masks or scarves. There has been a lot of talk about whether *nor* / *or* not face masks are effective in helping slow *down* / *along* the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The government is set *to* / *for* encourage Americans to use homemade face coverings like cloth *mask* / *masks*, bandanas and scarves. The WHO and other *health* / *healthy* organisations have recommended that people who are not sick do not *need* / *needy* to wear masks or cover their face. However, other organisations say face masks can slow the spread *off* / *of* the virus. They point to countries like Singapore and South Korea, *where* / *wear* people wear masks and reported infection rates are *lower* / *lowing*.

Health experts in the USA *belief* / *believe* that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people spreading the virus and *give* / *take* a little protection to those who have not contracted *them* / *it*. Health officials are worried that if everyone *rushing* / *rushes* out to buy masks, there may not *be* / *been* enough for nurses, doctors and other *key* / *lock* workers. They also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might feel safe wearing one and *mix* / *mixture* more with other people. Another thing health experts are worried about is that homemade masks are *sufficient* / *insufficient* to prevent people from catching the virus. The White House said: "The most important *things* / *thing* is the social distancing, washing your hands and not *touching* / *touches* your face."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200405-face-masks.html>

the usa could soon be encouraging americans to wear face masks or scarves there has been a lot of talk about whether or not face masks are effective in helping slow down the spread of the covid19 coronavirus the government is set to encourage americans to use homemade face coverings like cloth masks bandanas and scarves the who and other health organisations have recommended that people who are not sick do not need to wear masks or cover their face however other organisations say face masks can slow the spread of the virus they point to countries like singapore and south korea where people wear masks and reported infection rates are lower

health experts in the usa believe that wearing a mask could reduce the risk of people spreading the virus and give a little protection to those who have not contracted it health officials are worried that if everyone rushes out to buy masks there may not be enough for nurses doctors and other key workers they also say that a mask could make the problem worse because people might feel safe wearing one and mix more with other people another thing health experts are worried about is that homemade masks are insufficient to prevent people from catching the virus the white house said the most important thing is the social distancing washing your hands and not touching your face

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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We should give all face masks to doctors and nurses. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FACE MASKS: Make a poster about face masks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MEDICAL STAFF: Write a magazine article about giving all face masks to medical staff, who need them more. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on face masks. Ask him/her three questions about face masks. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. b	7. j	8. f	9. h	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Scarves and bandanas
2. Cloth masks
3. Not to wear a mask
4. Slow it
5. South Korea and Singapore
6. Buy masks
7. Doctors and nurses
8. Mix more with other people
9. Health officials
10. Social distancing and not touching your face

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Whether or not face masks are effective.
2. Use homemade face coverings like cloth masks.
3. People who aren't sick do not need to.
4. Masks can slow the spread of the virus.
5. People wear masks and infection rates are lower.
6. Reduce the risk of people spreading the virus.
7. There may not be enough for nurses.
8. A mask could make the problem worse.
9. Insufficient to prevent people from catching the virus.
10. The most important thing is the social distancing.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)