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Level 1 – 18th November, 2021

Scorpions sting more than 500 people in Egypt

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scorpions stung 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain brought hundreds of scorpions into the streets and people's homes this week. Many people went to hospital. Doctors gave them injections and the people went home. Some people were in pain, had fever and were vomiting. Hospitals are on alert for more people with stings. A weather expert said farmers should be careful in their fields. He also asked people to be careful of snakes.

People are worried because the scorpions are dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". Their venom can kill a human in an hour. The scorpions live in the mountains. The weather expert said people should wear proper shoes. He said scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/nov/16/more-than-500-stung-by-scorpions-flushed-out-by-storms-in-egypt>
<https://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-warns-aswan-residents-of-scorpions-and-snakes/>
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/deadly-scorpions-kill-three-injure-25465378>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Scorpions stung 500 | a. in pain |
| 2. heavy | b. expert |
| 3. Doctors gave them | c. people in Egypt |
| 4. Some people were | d. injections |
| 5. Hospitals are on | e. of snakes |
| 6. a weather | f. alert |
| 7. farmers should be careful in | g. rain |
| 8. be careful | h. their fields |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People are | a. tailed scorpions |
| 2. the scorpions are | b. dried up |
| 3. They are Arabian fat- | c. species |
| 4. Their nickname is " | d. dangerous |
| 5. Their venom can | e. worried |
| 6. people should wear | f. man-killer" |
| 7. after the rainwater | g. proper shoes |
| 8. the world's scorpion | h. kill a human |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scorpions stung 500 people in Egypt. (1) _____
hundreds of scorpions (2) _____ and people's
homes this week. Many people (3) _____.
Doctors gave them injections and the people went home. Some
people were in pain, (4) _____ were vomiting.
Hospitals are (5) _____ more people with stings.
A weather expert said farmers should be careful in their fields. He
also asked people to be (6) _____.

People are worried because the (7) _____. They
are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname
(8) _____. Their venom can
(9) _____ in an hour. The scorpions live in the
mountains. The (10) _____ people should wear
proper shoes. He said scorpion numbers would go down after the
(11) _____. Less than one per cent of the world's
scorpion (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCORPIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about scorpions 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211118-scorpions-1.html>

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