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**Level 5 – 23rd May, 2022**

## **More cases of monkeypox detected worldwide**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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The idiom, "it never rains, but it pours" explains how one difficult situation tends to quickly follow another. Just as COVID-19 is being brought under control around the world, another potential threat is rearing its ugly head. The WHO has reported 120 worldwide cases of the rare monkeypox virus. It has been detected across Europe, the USA, Canada and Australia. The WHO said it could spread further in the coming months. A WHO spokesperson said: "As we enter the summer season, with mass gatherings, festivals and parties, I am concerned that transmission could accelerate".

Monkeypox is rarely fatal. Most cases are fairly mild. Symptoms include chills, fever, muscle aches, exhaustion and a nasty rash. It usually clears up within four weeks. Monkeypox was first detected in monkeys in 1958. It is transmitted from wild animals such as rodents to people. It can also spread from person to person. The virus is related to the smallpox virus. Scientists say a smallpox vaccine is 85 per cent effective against the monkeypox virus. Despite this figure, virologists around the globe are on high alert. They are tracking the spread of cases.

Sources: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-01421-8>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220523-monkeypox-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. it never rains, but        | a. across Europe |
| 2. COVID-19 is being brought  | b. and parties   |
| 3. rearing its ugly           | c. under control |
| 4. It has been detected       | d. accelerate    |
| 5. in the coming              | e. head          |
| 6. As we enter the            | f. months        |
| 7. mass gatherings, festivals | g. it pours      |
| 8. that transmission could    | h. summer season |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Most cases are fairly            | a. rodents              |
| 2. a nasty                          | b. on high alert        |
| 3. It usually clears                | c. rash                 |
| 4. wild animals such as             | d. spread of cases      |
| 5. It can also spread from          | e. up within four weeks |
| 6. a smallpox vaccine is            | f. mild                 |
| 7. virologists around the globe are | g. 85% effective        |
| 8. They are tracking the            | h. person to person     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220523-monkeypox-5.html>

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Monkeypox (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Most cases are fairly mild. Symptoms include chills, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, exhaustion and a nasty rash. It usually (9) \_\_\_\_\_ four weeks. Monkeypox was first detected in monkeys in 1958. It is transmitted from wild animals (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to people. It can also spread from person to person. The virus is related to the smallpox virus. Scientists say (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is 85 per cent effective against the monkeypox virus. Despite this figure, virologists around the globe are (12) \_\_\_\_\_. They are tracking the spread of cases.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MONKEYPOX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220523-monkeypox-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about monkeypox 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) \_\_\_\_\_

