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**Level 1** – 15th June 2023

## Your soap might mean mosquitoes bite you more

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230615-soap-and-mosquitoes-1.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230615-soap-and-mosquitoes-1.html>

Mosquitoes like some people more than others. Mosquitoes like different body smells and smells from soaps. Some soap smells could cut the number of mosquito bites we get.

Researchers said mosquitoes like soap with a flowery smell.

Most of the smells coming from our body are from soap.

Changing our soap could stop mosquitoes biting us. Soap with no smell could make us less tasty to mosquitoes.

The researchers tested four brands of soap on mosquitoes. They put soapy smells and the smell of unwashed bodies in two different cups. They put the cups in a cage full of mosquitoes. The insects are like humans because they like flowery smells best. One researcher said coconut soap is best to keep mosquitoes away. Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest creatures. The diseases they carry kill 725,000 people a year.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2023/06/07/why-do-mosquito-bites-itch/70268596007/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230615-soap-and-mosquitoes-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mosquitoes like            | a. biting us           |
| 2. Mosquitoes like different  | b. tasty to mosquitoes |
| 3. cut the number of mosquito | c. a flowery smell     |
| 4. soap with                  | d. body smells         |
| 5. Changing                   | e. some people         |
| 6. stop mosquitoes            | f. bites we get        |
| 7. Soap with no               | g. our soap            |
| 8. make us less               | h. smell               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. researchers tested four      | a. of mosquitoes   |
| 2. the smell of unwashed        | b. carry           |
| 3. in two different             | c. a year          |
| 4. a cage full                  | d. mosquitoes away |
| 5. coconut soap is best to keep | e. bodies          |
| 6. the world's deadliest        | f. brands of soap  |
| 7. The diseases they            | g. creatures       |
| 8. 725,000 people               | h. cups            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mosquitoes like some people (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Mosquitoes like different body smells and

(2) \_\_\_\_\_. Some soap smells could cut the

number of mosquito (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers said

mosquitoes like soap (4) \_\_\_\_\_ smell. Most of

the smells coming from our body are from soap. Changing our

soap could stop (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Soap with no smell

could make (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to mosquitoes.

The researchers tested (7) \_\_\_\_\_ soap on

mosquitoes. They put soapy smells and the

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ bodies in two different cups. They put

the cups in a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ mosquitoes. The insects

are like humans because they like (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

One researcher said coconut soap is (11) \_\_\_\_\_

mosquitoes away. Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest creatures.

The diseases (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 725,000 people a year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MOSQUITOES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230615-soap-and-mosquitoes-4.html>

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

