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**Level 5** – 19th August 2024

## World on alert as deadly mpox virus spreads

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240819-mpox-5.html>

There is a new outbreak of the deadly mpox virus in Africa. The WHO has declared a global health emergency. It called for urgent action to curb the virus. The first instance was found in Congo in early June. It has now spread to 13 African nations. Late last week, both Sweden and Pakistan confirmed they had cases. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths this year. Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said imported cases of mpox were "highly likely". However, it said the chances of outbreaks in Europe were "very low".

Mpox is transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, and contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through being close to someone who sneezes, coughs, or by talking to an infected person. The WHO says mpox is less contagious than Covid-19. This was an airborne virus. Mpox symptoms include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters. These may be itchy or painful. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are in the West. Countries are keeping it to prepare for their own outbreaks.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/mpox-covid-who-pandemic-59548adbbd58df7e5d176fc244e02a58>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240819-mpox-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. There is a new                     | a. the virus      |
| 2. declared a global health           | b. cases of mpox  |
| 3. It called for                      | c. they had cases |
| 4. curb                               | d. were very low  |
| 5. It has now                         | e. urgent action  |
| 6. Sweden and Pakistan confirmed      | f. outbreak       |
| 7. imported                           | g. spread         |
| 8. the chances of outbreaks in Europe | h. emergency      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mpox is transmitted through | a. own outbreaks        |
| 2. contaminated                | b. contagious           |
| 3. being close to someone      | c. keeping it           |
| 4. talking to                  | d. filled blisters      |
| 5. The WHO says mpox is less   | e. an infected person   |
| 6. hundreds of pus-            | f. skin-to-skin contact |
| 7. Countries are               | g. clothes              |
| 8. prepare for their           | h. who sneezes          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the deadly mpox virus in Africa. The WHO has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ health emergency. It called for urgent action to curb the virus. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ found in Congo in early June. It has now spread to 13 African nations. Late last week, both Sweden and Pakistan (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cases. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths this year. Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ mpox were "highly likely". However, it said the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe were "very low".

Mpox is transmitted (7) \_\_\_\_\_ contact, and contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through being close to someone who (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by talking to an infected person. The WHO says mpox (9) \_\_\_\_\_ than Covid-19. This was an airborne virus. Mpox symptoms include rash, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters. These may be (11) \_\_\_\_\_. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are in the West. Countries are keeping it to prepare for (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MPOX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240819-mpox-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mpox 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/2408/240819-mpox-5.html>

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

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