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World on alert as deadly mpox virus spreads

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THE ARTICLE

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

There is an outbreak of a new variant of the deadly mpox virus in parts of Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global health emergency. It has called for urgent action to curb the virus. The first instance of the variant was found in Congo on the 1st of June. It has since spread to 13 African nations. On Thursday, Sweden reported a case. A day later, Pakistan confirmed it had a patient. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths this year. On Friday, Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said more imported cases of mpox were "highly likely". However, it said the chances of local outbreaks in Europe were "very low".

Mpox is primarily transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact with infected people or their contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through close proximity to someone who sneezes or coughs. People can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox is less contagious than Covid-19, which was an airborne virus. Common symptoms of mpox include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters, which may be itchy or painful. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their own emergency preparedness.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/mpox-covid-who-pandemic-59548adbbd58df7e5d176fc244e02a58>
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WARM-UPS

1. MPOX: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about mpox. 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?

outbreak / mpox / WHO / virus / emergency / patient / disease / prevention / chances skin-to-skin contact / infected / contagious / symptoms / rash / fever / ache / vaccine

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

3. PANDEMIC: Students A **strongly** believe pandemics will disappear in the future; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MPOX SYMPTOMS: How serious are the symptoms of mpox? How can treat them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Seriousness	Treatments
Rash		
Fever		
Muscle aches		
Fatigue		
Blisters		
Headache		

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

6. GLOBAL EMERGENCIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the ones in most need of addressing at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Mpox
- Horn of Africa drought
- Ukraine refugees
- Mental health crises
- Health needs in Gaza
- Cholera
- Global obesity
- Needed aid in Yemen

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. variant | a. Made sure something is true or correct. |
| 2. declared | b. A person who is sick and is getting care from a doctor or nurse. |
| 3. curb | c. A different form or type of something. |
| 4. confirmed | d. An example of something happening, like a person being sick. |
| 5. patient (noun) | e. Said something officially or made it known to everyone. |
| 6. imported | f. To stop something or make it happen less. |
| 7. case | g. Brought in from another country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. transmitted | h. A small bubble on the skin filled with liquid, usually caused by rubbing or a burn. |
| 9. infected | i. Passed from one person or thing to another. |
| 10. contaminated | j. Having germs or a virus in the body that can make you sick. |
| 11. proximity | k. Able to be passed easily from one person to another. |
| 12. contagious | l. Being near or close to something or someone. |
| 13. symptom | m. Made dirty or harmful by germs or chemicals. |
| 14. blister (noun) | n. A sign that shows you might be sick, like a cough or fever. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The outbreak of mpox in Africa is from a new variant of the virus. **T / F**
2. Mpox has spread to at least 13 African countries. **T / F**
3. Over 500 people in Africa have died from mpox this year. **T / F**
4. There is a very good chance of local outbreaks throughout Europe. **T / F**
5. It's possible to get mpox from other people's clothes. **T / F**
6. Mpox cannot be spread through the air. **T / F**
7. The WHO said mpox is far more contagious than Covid-19. **T / F**
8. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine around the world. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. outbreak | a. catching |
| 2. curb | b. possibility |
| 3. confirmed | c. evolves |
| 4. cases | d. flare-up |
| 5. chances | e. amassed |
| 6. transmitted | f. instances |
| 7. contagious | g. passed on |
| 8. infected | h. hold back |
| 9. develops | i. diseased |
| 10. stockpiled | j. affirmed |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. It has called for urgent action to | a. were very low |
| 2. The first instance of the variant | b. proximity to someone |
| 3. Pakistan confirmed | c. it had a patient |
| 4. more imported cases of mpox were | d. skin-to-skin contact |
| 5. the chances of local outbreaks in Europe | e. curb the virus |
| 6. transmitted through close | f. contagious than Covid-19 |
| 7. contaminated | g. highly likely |
| 8. close | h. mpox vaccine |
| 9. mpox is less | i. was found in Congo |
| 10. There are insufficient supplies of the | j. clothes |

GAP FILL

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

There is an outbreak of a new (1) _____ of the deadly mpox virus in parts of Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global health emergency. It has called for (2) _____ action to curb the virus. The first (3) _____ of the variant was found in Congo on the 1st of June. It has since (4) _____ to 13 African nations. On Thursday, Sweden reported a case. A day later, Pakistan confirmed it had a (5) _____. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths this year. On Friday, Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said more (6) _____ cases of mpox were "(7) _____ likely". However, it said the (8) _____ of local outbreaks in Europe were "very low".

spread
variant
patient
chances
instance
highly
urgent
imported

Mpox is (9) _____ transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact with infected people or their (10) _____ clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through close proximity to someone who sneezes or (11) _____. People can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox is less (12) _____ than Covid-19, which was an airborne virus. Common (13) _____ of mpox include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled (14) _____, which may be itchy or painful. There are (15) _____ supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are (16) _____ in the West as part of their own emergency preparedness.

symptoms
contaminated
stockpiled
primarily
blisters
contagious
insufficient
coughs

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) There is an outbreak of _____
 - a. a new variants
 - b. a new variance
 - c. a new variant
 - d. a new vary ant
- 2) It has called for urgent action to _____
 - a. kerb the virus
 - b. cub the virus
 - c. curb the virus
 - d. carb the virus
- 3) A day later, Pakistan confirmed it _____
 - a. had a patience
 - b. had a patient
 - c. had a pay shanty
 - d. had a pay sent
- 4) On Friday, Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said _____
 - a. more imported case is
 - b. more important cases
 - c. more implore ted cases
 - d. more imported cases
- 5) it said the chances of local outbreaks in Europe _____
 - a. were very low
 - b. were verily low
 - c. were very lower
 - d. were very lowed
- 6) Mpox is primarily transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact _____
 - a. with infect it people
 - b. with inflected people
 - c. with infected people
 - d. with disinfected people
- 7) It can also spread through close proximity to someone who _____
 - a. sneeze is or coughs
 - b. sneezes or coughs
 - c. sneeze is or cough
 - d. sneeze or coughs
- 8) Common symptoms of mpox include rash, fever, _____
 - a. and muscle lakes
 - b. and muscle arches
 - c. and muscle aces
 - d. and muscle aches
- 9) The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters, which may be _____
 - a. itchy or painful
 - b. bitchy or painful
 - c. witchy or painful
 - d. titchy or painful
- 10) supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their _____
 - a. roam emergency preparedness
 - b. rowing emergency preparedness
 - c. own emergency preparedness
 - d. roan emergency preparedness

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mpox is primarily transmitted through close (7) _____ with infected people or their contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through close proximity to someone who (8) _____. People can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox (9) _____ than Covid-19, which was an airborne virus. (10) _____ mpox include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters, which may (11) _____ painful. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who declared a global health emergency?
2. What is needed to curb the spread of the virus?
3. Which two non-African nations reported cases of mpox?
4. How many deaths from mpox have there been this year?
5. How likely are the chances of outbreaks in Europe?
6. What contaminated things can spread mpox besides clothes?
7. What is more contagious than mpox?
8. What kind of aches can mpox sufferers get?
9. What are mpox blisters filled with?
10. Why is the West stockpiling vaccines?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who declared a global health emergency?
 - a) Africa
 - b) the WHO
 - c) Mediciens Sans Frontieres
 - d) the UN Secretary-General
- 2) What is needed to curb the spread of the virus?
 - a) lockdowns
 - b) a vaccine
 - c) masks
 - d) urgent action
- 3) Which two non-African nations reported cases of mpox?
 - a) Sweden and Pakistan
 - b) Ethiopia and Pakistan
 - c) Sweden and Egypt
 - d) Egypt and Ethiopia
- 4) How many deaths from mpox have there been this year?
 - a) 522
 - b) 523
 - c) 524
 - d) 525
- 5) How likely are the chances of outbreaks in Europe?
 - a) almost nil
 - b) very low
 - c) moderate
 - d) extremely high
- 6) What contaminated things can spread mpox besides clothes?
 - a) bedsheets
 - b) masks
 - c) syringes
 - d) hospital gowns
- 7) What is more contagious than mpox?
 - a) cholera
 - b) dengue fever
 - c) Covid-19
 - d) malaria
- 8) What kind of aches can mpox sufferers get?
 - a) muscle aches
 - b) aches and pains
 - c) brain aches
 - d) back aches
- 9) What are mpox blisters filled with?
 - a) pus
 - b) toxins
 - c) water
 - d) blood
- 10) Why is the West stockpiling vaccines?
 - a) to control prices
 - b) to give to Africa
 - c) for the future
 - d) for emergency preparedness

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Mpox

You think mpox is the biggest global emergency that needs to be addressed. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crisis isn't as pressing. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): hospitals in Gaza, global obesity or mental health crises.

Role B – Hospitals in Gaza

You think health needs in Gaza is the biggest global emergency that needs to be addressed. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crisis isn't as pressing. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): mpox, global obesity or mental health crises.

Role C – Global Obesity

You think global obesity is the biggest global emergency that needs to be addressed. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crisis isn't as pressing. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): hospitals in Gaza, mpox or mental health crises.

Role D – Mental Health Crises

You think mental health crises is the biggest global emergency that needs to be addressed. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crisis isn't as pressing. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): hospitals in Gaza, global obesity or mpox.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'alert' and 'virus'.

alert	virus
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- 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">• parts• curb• since• later• 524• low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• skin• close• catch• less• develops• own
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MPOX SURVEY

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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.

MPOX 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 'alert'?
3. What do you know about mpox?
4. How worried are you about mpox?
5. What action needs to be taken to curb mpox?
6. What does a global health emergency do?
7. Do you think mpox will get to your country?
8. Do you see similarities between mpox and the start of Covid-19?
9. What would you do if mpox entered your country?
10. Are you prepared to accept possible lockdown again?

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MPOX 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 'virus'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you want to know about mpox?
15. Will you be stocking up on masks?
16. What are the differences between mpox and Covid-19?
17. What do you think of the pictures you've seen of mpox?
18. Should the West give its vaccines to Africa?
19. How prepared do you think your country is for a pandemic?
20. What questions would you like to ask the WHO?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) outing | (b) uptick | (c) outtake | (d) outbreak |
| 2. | (a) carb | (b) kerb | (c) carb | (d) curb |
| 3. | (a) spared | (b) spread | (c) spored | (d) speared |
| 4. | (a) them | (b) he | (c) it | (d) there |
| 5. | (a) upping | (b) upper | (c) highly | (d) heightened |
| 6. | (a) chances | (b) opportunities | (c) risks | (d) accidents |
| 7. | (a) primed | (b) primarily | (c) primary | (d) properly |
| 8. | (a) proximity | (b) limits | (c) locale | (d) neighbourhood |
| 9. | (a) religious | (b) contagious | (c) obnoxious | (d) exiguous |
| 10. | (a) puss | (b) push | (c) pus | (d) pushy |
| 11. | (a) demands | (b) requests | (c) supplies | (d) furnishes |
| 12. | (a) relevance | (b) opportunism | (c) devotedness | (d) preparedness |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a new iaavrtn of the deadly mpox virus
2. declared a global health ecmynrgee
3. urgent action to bcru the virus
4. Pakistan confirmed it had a apeitnt
5. more tmdoirpe cases of mpox
6. local oteuakbrs

Paragraph 2

7. mndacitateno clothes or bedsheets
8. spread through close ioimxpyrt
9. mpox is less cnouoatsgi than Covid-19
10. the mpox vncieca
11. Most supplies are tspclikode
12. as part of their own emergency serpeaprdnes

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () or coughs. People can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox
- () is less contagious than Covid-19, which was an airborne virus. Common symptoms of mpox include
- () rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled
- () blisters, which may be itchy or painful. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most
- () it had a patient. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths
- () curb the virus. The first instance of the variant was found in Congo on the 1st of June. It has since
- () has declared a global health emergency. It has called for urgent action to
- () supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their own emergency preparedness.
- () "highly likely". However, it said the chances of local outbreaks in Europe were "very low".
- () spread to 13 African nations. On Thursday, Sweden reported a case. A day later, Pakistan confirmed
- () this year. On Friday, Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said more imported cases of mpox were
- () contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through close proximity to someone who sneezes
- () Mpox is primarily transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact with infected people or their
- (**1**) There is an outbreak of a new variant of the deadly mpox virus in parts of Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO)

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. of a an variant. is There new outbreak
2. action curb the Called for urgent to virus.
3. instance first found. of was the The variant
4. mpox highly imported were cases of More likely.
5. were Chances Europe low. of in outbreaks local
6. contaminated or infected clothes. their Contact people with
7. to someone. close spread through proximity can It
8. blisters. rash pus-filled The develops of into hundreds
9. supplies vaccine. are of the insufficient mpox There
10. vaccine stockpiled in the West. are Most supplies

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

There is an outbreak of a new *deviant / variant* of the deadly mpox virus in parts of Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared *the / a* global health emergency. It has called for *urgent / urgency* action to curb the virus. The first instance *of / on* the variant was found in Congo on the 1st of June. It *has / was* since spread to 13 African nations. On Thursday, Sweden reported a case. A day *latter / later*, Pakistan confirmed it had a patient. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 *cases / cartons* and 524 deaths this year. On Friday, Europe's Centre *for / at* Disease Prevention and Control said more imported cases of mpox were "highly likely". However, it said the chances of *local / locally* outbreaks in Europe were "very *low / lowly*".

Mpox is *primarily / primary* transmitted through close skin-to-skin *contract / contact* with infected people or their contaminated clothes or bedsheets. It can also spread through *closed / close* proximity to someone who sneezes or *cuffs / coughs*. People can also catch it by talking or *breathe in / breathing* too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox is *lower / less* contagious than Covid-19, which was an *airborne / airy* virus. Common symptoms of mpox include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of *puss-filled / pus-filled* blisters, which may be itchy or painful. There are insufficient *demands / supplies* of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their own emergency *prepared / preparedness*.

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

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

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Th_r_ _s _n __tbr__k _f _ n_w v_r__nt _f th_ d__dly
mp_x v_r_s _n p_rts _f _fr_c_. Th_ W_rld H__lth
_rg_n_z_t__n (WH_) h_s d_cl_r_d _ gl_b_l h__lth
_m_rg_ncy. _t h_s c_ll_d f_r _rg_nt _ct__n t_ c_rb
th_ v_r_s. Th_ f_rst _nst_nc_ _f th_ v_r__nt w_s
f__nd _n C_ng_ _n th_ 1st _f J_n_. _t h_s s_nc_
spr__d t_ 13 _fr_c_n n_t__ns. _n Th_rsd_y, Sw_d_n
r_p_rtd _ c_s_. _ d_y l_t_r, P_k_st_n c_nfrm_d _t
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th_n 14,000 c_s_s _nd 524 d__ths th_s y__r. _n
Fr_d_y, __r_p_'s C_ntr_ f_r D_s__s Pr_v_nt__n _nd
C_ntr_l s__d m_r_ _mp_rtd c_s_s _f mp_x w_r_
"h_ghly l_k_ly". H_w_v_r, _t s__d th_ ch_nc_s _f l_c_l
__tbr__ks _n __r_p_ w_r_ "v_ry l_w".

Mp_x _s pr_m_r_ly tr_nsm_tt_d thr__gh cl_s_ sk_n-t_
sk_n c_nt_ct w_th _nf_ct_d p__pl_ _r th__r
c_nt_m_n_t_d cl_th_s _r b_dsh__ts. _t c_n _ls_ spr__d
thr__gh cl_s_ pr_x_m_ty t_ s_m__n_ wh_ sn__z_s _r
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_ncl_d_ r_sh, f_v_r, _nd m_scl_ _ch_s. Th_ r_sh
d_v_l_ps _nt_ h_ndr_ds _f p_s-f_ll_d bl_st_rs, wh_ch
m_y b_ _tchy _r p__nf_l. Th_r_ _r_ _ns_ff_c__nt
s_ppl__s _f th_ mp_x v_cc_n_ _n _fr_c_. M_st s_ppl__s
r st_ckp_l_d _n th_ W_st _s p_r_t _f th__r _wn
_m_rg_ncy pr_p_r_dn_ss.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

there is an outbreak of a new variant of the deadly mpox virus in parts of africa the world health organization who has declared a global health emergency it has called for urgent action to curb the virus the first instance of the variant was found in congo on the 1st of june it has since spread to 13 african nations on thursday sweden reported a case a day later pakistan confirmed it had a patient the who said there have been more than 14000 cases and 524 deaths this year on friday europes centre for disease prevention and control said more imported cases of mpox were highly likely however it said the chances of local outbreaks in europe were very low

mpox is primarily transmitted through close skintoskin contact with infected people or their contaminated clothes or bedsheets it can also spread through close proximity to someone who sneezes or coughs people can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person the who says mpox is less contagious than covid19 which was an airborne virus common symptoms of mpox include rash fever and muscle aches the rash develops into hundreds of pusfilled blisters which may be itchy or painful there are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in africa most supplies are stockpiled in the west as part of their own emergency preparedness

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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There is an outbreak of a new variant of the deadly mpox virus in parts of Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global health emergency. It has called for urgent action to curb the virus. The first instance of the variant was found in Congo on the 1st of June. It has since spread to 13 African nations. On Thursday, Sweden reported a case. A day later, Pakistan confirmed it had a patient. The WHO said there have been more than 14,000 cases and 524 deaths this year. On Friday, Europe's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said more imported cases of mpox were "highly likely". However, it said the chances of local outbreaks in Europe were "very low". Mpox is primarily transmitted through close skin-to-skin contact with infected people or their contaminated clothes or bed sheets. It can also spread through close proximity to someone who sneezes or coughs. People can also catch it by talking or breathing too close to an infected person. The WHO says mpox is less contagious than Covid-19, which was an airborne virus. Common symptoms of mpox include rash, fever, and muscle aches. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters, which may be itchy or painful. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine in Africa. Most supplies are stockpiled in the West as part of their own emergency preparedness.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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We will never be able to avoid pandemics. 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. MPOX: Make a poster about mpox. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LOCKDOWN: Write a magazine article about getting governments to introduce lockdowns to prevent the spread of mpox. 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 mpox. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to curb the virus. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The WHO
2. Urgent action
3. Sweden and Pakistan
4. 524
5. Very low
6. Bedsheets
7. Covid-19
8. Muscle aches
9. Pus
10. For emergency preparedness

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. There is an outbreak of a new variant.
2. Called for urgent action to curb the virus.
3. The first instance of the variant was found.
4. More imported cases of mpox were highly likely.
5. Chances of local outbreaks in Europe were low.
6. Contact with infected people or their contaminated clothes.
7. It can spread through close proximity to someone.
8. The rash develops into hundreds of pus-filled blisters.
9. There are insufficient supplies of the mpox vaccine.
10. Most vaccine supplies are stockpiled in the West.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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