

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170221-bio-terrorism.html>

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

- a. The ex-boss of Microsoft has said the world is in great danger. **T / F**
- b. The ex-boss said an attack could take in the next 10-15 months. **T / F**
- c. The ex-boss is happy that world leaders are prepared for an attack. **T / F**
- d. The ex-boss wants to be part of government discussions and policies. **T / F**
- e. A virus may be created by computer by terrorists. **T / F**
- f. The ex-boss said nuclear weapons were still deadlier than a viruses. **T / F**
- g. The ex-boss wants countries to take part in germ games. **T / F**
- h. The ex-boss says the world needs an arsenal of weapons and vaccines. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

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| 1. former | a. starting |
| 2. catastrophe | b. participate |
| 3. reasonable | c. conscious |
| 4. aware | d. disaster |
| 5. policies | e. instead of |
| 6. originating | f. previous |
| 7. threat | g. strategies |
| 8. engage | h. see |
| 9. spot | i. fairly good |
| 10. rather than | j. danger |

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

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| 1. The former | a. a bio-terrorist could act |
| 2. the world could face | b. weeks rather than years |
| 3. a "reasonable" chance that | c. in war games |
| 4. very few leaders were | d. head of Microsoft |
| 5. become a major part | e. vaccines and new diagnostics |
| 6. a good chance of originating | f. even aware of it |
| 7. prepare for these | g. on a computer screen |
| 8. many countries engage | h. a catastrophe |
| 9. quickly develop vaccines - within | i. of government discussions |
| 10. anti-viral drugs, antibodies, | j. epidemics |

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in could - great terrorism danger The from world bio be .
2. by terrorists that could kill 30 million people A virus made .
3. "reasonable" A act could terrorist - bio a that chance .
4. such for prepared not are leaders world that added He attack an .
5. major and part policies of Become government a discussions .
6. a chance computer of screen originating A on good .
7. genetically A make to easier was virus engineered .
8. for on this Earth threat is No ready country .
9. war for prepare we way same the in epidemics these for Prepare .
10. needed to early we monitoring outbreaks said better spot He .

GAP FILL

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The (1) _____ head of Microsoft, Bill Gates, has warned that the world could be in (2) _____ danger from bio-terrorism. He said the world could face a (3) _____ from a virus made by terrorists that could kill 30 million people in less than a year. Mr Gates, the richest person in the world, was (4) _____ at the Munich Security Conference in Germany. He said there was a "reasonable" (5) _____ that a bio-terrorist could act in the next 10 to 15 years. He added that world leaders are not prepared for (6) _____ an attack. He expressed his surprise that very few leaders were even (7) _____ of it. He asked for global "health security" to become a (8) _____ part of government discussions and policies.

catastrophe

chance

major

former

speaking

aware

great

such

Mr Gates explained that: "The next (9) _____ has a good chance of (10) _____ on a computer screen." He said a genetically engineered (11) _____ was easier to make and could kill more people than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is ready for this (12) _____. He asked governments, "to prepare for these epidemics in the same way we prepare for (13) _____". Gates asked governments to start "germ (14) _____" activities to prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries engage in war games. He said we needed better monitoring to spot (15) _____ early, and systems to quickly develop vaccines - within weeks rather than years. "We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, (16) _____ and new diagnostics," he said.

war

originating

outbreaks

virus

vaccines

epidemic

games

threat

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () said there was a "reasonable" chance that a bio-terrorist could act in the next 10 to 15 years. He added that world leaders
- () bio-terrorism. He said the world could face a catastrophe from a virus made by terrorists that could kill 30 million people in
- () for these epidemics in the same way we prepare for war". Gates asked governments to start "germ games"
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- () a major part of government discussions and policies.
- () better monitoring to spot outbreaks early, and systems to quickly develop vaccines - within weeks rather than
- () computer screen." He said a genetically engineered virus was easier to make and could kill more people
- () activities to prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries engage in war games. He said we needed
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- () few leaders were even aware of it. He asked for global "health security" to become
- () years. "We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and new diagnostics," he said.
- () are not prepared for such an attack. He expressed his surprise that very

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) be in great danger from bio-terrorism. He said the world could _____
 - a. facer catastrophe
 - b. faze a catastrophe
 - c. phase a catastrophe
 - d. face a catastrophe
- 2) there was a "reasonable" chance that a bio-terrorist could _____ 10 to 15 years
 - a. acting the next
 - b. act in the next
 - c. acting in the next
 - d. acted in the next
- 3) He added that world leaders are not prepared for _____
 - a. such the attack
 - b. such and attack
 - c. such an attack
 - d. such any attack
- 4) He expressed his surprise that very few leaders were even _____
 - a. beware off it
 - b. a where of it
 - c. aware of it
 - d. a wear off it
- 5) become a major part of government discussions _____
 - a. and policies
 - b. and police's
 - c. and poll ices
 - d. and Polly sees
- 6) The next epidemic has a good chance of _____ computer screen
 - a. origination on a
 - b. originating on a
 - c. originated on a
 - d. originates in on a
- 7) better monitoring to spot outbreaks early, and systems to quickly _____
 - a. develop back scenes
 - b. developed vaccines
 - c. develops fact scenes
 - d. develop vaccines
- 8) kill more people than nuclear weapons, but no country on Earth is _____
 - a. ready for this thread
 - b. readily for this threat
 - c. ready for this threat
 - d. readily for this thread
- 9) prepare for a bio-terrorist attack, like many countries _____ games
 - a. engage on war
 - b. engage in war
 - c. engage to war
 - d. engage at war
- 10) We need a new arsenal of weapons, anti-viral drugs, antibodies, vaccines and _____
 - a. new diagnosis
 - b. new diagnostic
 - c. new die agnostics
 - d. new diagnostics

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170221-bio-terrorism.html>

- 1) Who warned the world about the threat from bio-terrorism?
 - a) a bio-terrorist
 - b) Bill Gates
 - c) a global security expert
 - d) the head of the UN
- 2) In which country was the security conference?
 - a) India
 - b) Ecuador
 - c) Iraq
 - d) Germany
- 3) Within how many years could a bio-terrorism act take place?
 - a) 10-15 years
 - b) 2-3 years
 - c) 1-5 years
 - d) 5-10 years
- 4) Who is not prepared for a bio-terrorist attack?
 - a) Bill Gates
 - b) the USA
 - c) world leaders
 - d) army generals
- 5) What did a man want to be a major part of government discussions?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) global health security
 - c) armies and navies
 - d) hospitals
- 6) Where might the next epidemic originate?
 - a) on an airplane
 - b) Europe
 - c) on a computer screen
 - d) in a city
- 7) What could a genetically engineered virus be deadlier than?
 - a) WWII
 - b) the Ebola virus
 - c) 100 hurricanes
 - d) nuclear bombs
- 8) What kind of games did a man suggest governments start engaging in?
 - a) germ games
 - b) vaccine games
 - c) war games
 - d) computer games
- 9) What do governments need to spot outbreaks earlier?
 - a) better monitoring
 - b) more money
 - c) better brains
 - d) diagnostics
- 10) Within what timeframe did the man say we needed to develop vaccines?
 - a) days
 - b) weeks
 - c) as soon as possible
 - d) months