

MONKEYPOX

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MORE CASES OF MONKEYPOX DETECTED WORLDWIDE



An old idiom says, "it never rains, but it pours". This means that one difficult situation tends to follow another in rapid succession. Just as the COVID-19 pandemic is being brought under control in many parts of the world, another potential threat is rearing its ugly head. The WHO has reported that there have been 120 worldwide cases of the rare monkeypox virus. It has been detected in the UK, France, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, the USA, Canada and Australia. The WHO said the virus could spread further in the coming months. WHO spokesperson Hans Kluge 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 of the cases reported thus far have been fairly mild. Symptoms of the disease include chills, fever, muscle aches, exhaustion and a nasty rash on the hands and face. It usually clears up two to four weeks after contracting it. Monkeypox was first detected in laboratory monkeys in 1958. It is thought to transmit from wild animals such as rodents to people. It can also spread from person to person. The virus is related to the smallpox virus, for which there are vaccines. Scientists say a smallpox vaccine is 85 per cent effective against the monkeypox virus. Despite this reassuring figure, virologists around the globe are on high alert and are tracking the spread of cases.

CHAT

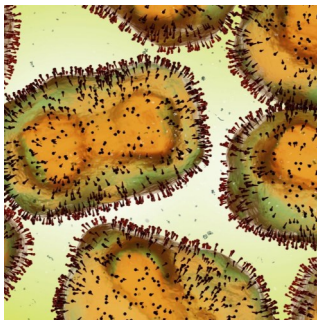
VIRUS	1
FEVER	2
MONKEYS	3
EXHAUSTION	4
RODENTS	5
RARE	6
GLOBE	7

DISCUSSION

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'virus'?
3. What do you think of the idiom, 'it never rains but it pours'?
4. Have you ever had difficult situations in rapid succession?
5. What do you know about monkeypox?
6. How is COVID-19 for you at the moment?
7. How much of a threat do you think monkeypox is?
8. What should governments be doing about monkeypox?
9. Why has monkeypox been spreading?
10. What might happen in society if monkeypox becomes a pandemic?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- As
- Despite



RANKING

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top.

- Chills
- Fever
- Muscle aches
- Exhaustion
- Rash
- Headaches
- Stomach cramps
- Vomiting

Write your reasons to explain:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

Symptoms of the disease include chills, fever, muscle aches, exhaustion and a nasty rash on the hands and face.

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| 1) Idiom | A. Rain heavily. |
| 2) Pour | B. A number of things of a similar kind following one after the other. |
| 3) Tends to | C. The action of passing a virus from person to person. |
| 4) Succession | D. Be liable to have or show a particular characteristic. |
| 5) Rearing | E. Discovered or found. |
| 6) Detected | F. A group of words with a meaning that you cannot guess from the individual words. |
| 7) Transmission | G. Presenting itself in an unpleasant matter. |

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



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| 1) Fatal | A. Not severe, serious, or harsh. |
| 2) Mild | B. A physical or mental feature which is regarded as showing a disease. |
| 3) Symptoms | C. Saying or doing something to remove the doubts of someone. |
| 4) Chills | D. An area of redness and spots on a person's skin. |
| 5) Rash | E. A feverish cold. |
| 6) Rodent | F. Causing death. |
| 7) Reassuring | G. A chewing mammal with strong front teeth, like rats and mice. |

WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

STUDENT'S QUESTIONS



- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

ROLE PLAY

"it never rains,
but it pours".

This means that
one difficult
situation tends
to follow
another in rapid
succession.

You think **chills** are the
worst symptoms of an
illness. Tell the others
three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

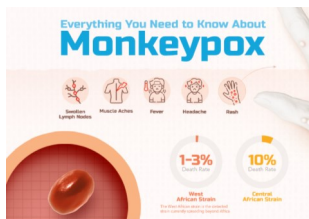
You think **fever** is the
worst symptoms of an
illness. Tell the others
three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

You think **vomiting** is
the worst symptoms of
an illness. Tell the oth-
ers three reasons why.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

WRITE WHAT YOU HEAR!



Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words.

Monkey

Virus

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“This is the reality: the virus is there. We have to face it, but face it like a man, damn it, not like a kid. We’ll confront the virus with reality. That’s life. We’re all going to die one day.”



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WRITING

Write about **Monkeypox** for 10 minutes.



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