



Unit 22 News article



Analysing and integrating points

Alex is reading a news article about swine flu. Read the news article.

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Measures Taken Against Swine Flu Attack

Local pig farms found traces of African swine flu virus. This causes the killing of thousands of pigs in local farms in order to prevent the spread of disease. 'We understand this makes local farmers lose lots of money. But we must do this to stop the spread. **Better safe than sorry,**' said Mr Terry Fung, the **representative** from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

Due to the decreasing supply of pork from local farms, the selling prices of pork in wet markets and supermarkets have risen by 50 percent. Mrs Leung, a housewife buying from Wan Chai Market, complained that pork was too expensive so she had not bought it for a few weeks.

Many citizens also worry that **an outbreak of** human flu will happen in the near future. Professor Henry Lee from the University of Hong Kong explained the **symptoms** of human flu and gave us some advice, 'Although studies have shown that swine flu rarely infects humans, we should still be alert to other types of flu. Major symptoms of human flu include fever, sore throat, headache, chills and sometimes a stomach ache. According to the World Health Organisation, the **transmission** of human flu is mainly through the patients' droplets made when they cough, sneeze or talk. If you have these symptoms, consult a doctor immediately. You should also wear a mask to protect yourself and others.'

Government officials advised citizens to take flu vaccine regularly, avoid contact with wild animals and cook meat **thoroughly**. It is also emphasised that all school children and senior citizens can have free vaccination at their nearest clinics.



DAILY-LIFE ENGLISH

An outbreak of (phr.) means 'a sudden start or increase of'. It is usually followed by something seriously negative and causing an unpleasant feeling, such as sickness and war.



10 mins



Learn to write a news headline and a lead paragraph.

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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. In lines 5-6, the idiom 'Better safe than sorry' means _____.

- A. saying sorry before the problem happens
- B. taking precautions to avoid problems in the future
- C. avoiding all the safety measures
- D. trying to look back and regret the past decisions



Tip
Q1: Does the phrase have a positive or negative meaning?

2. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news article?

- A. Swine flu mainly infects pigs rather than humans.
- B. Local farmers had to kill their pigs due to swine flu virus.
- C. The recent selling prices of pork are higher than those in the past.
- D. The main symptom of human flu is the stomach ache.

3. In line 16, the word 'transmission' means 'the process of _____'.

- A. seeing something
- B. producing something
- C. telling something to others
- D. passing on something to others



4. What should people do to prevent catching the flu? (Choose more than one answer.)

- A. consult a family doctor
- B. cover the mouth when coughing
- C. avoid touching birds
- D. avoid eating undercooked meat

Complete the answers.

5. Why should people who have the flu symptoms wear a mask?

It is because the transmission _____
_____.

6. Who can receive flu vaccine for free?

_____ can receive flu vaccine for free.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the news article. Change the word form when necessary.

Mum: Alex, I think your chicken is not cooked 7. _____. Let's tell the waiter. You don't want to get sick again like last time, do you?

Alex: No, Mum! I remember I had a stomach ache and a high 8. _____ for nearly a week!