

English Spoken Communication A

Pronunciation Practice

Saudi Arabia ['saudi ə'reɪbjə]

Arab 英 ['æərəb]

美 ['æərəb]

Arabian 英 [ə'reɪbiən]

美 [ə'reɪbiən]

fossilize 英 ['fɒsəlaɪz]

美 ['fɑsəlaɪz]

survey 英 ['sɜ:veɪ , sə'veɪ]

美 ['sɜ:rveɪ , sə'rveɪ]

erosion 英 [ɪ'rəʊʒn]

美 [ɪ'rouʒn]

Peninsula 英 [pə'nɪnsjələ]

美 [pə'nɪnsələ]

immediately 英 [ɪ'mɪ:diətli]

美 [ɪ'mɪ:diətli]

resolution 英 [rezə'lu:ʃn]

美 [rezə'lu:ʃn]

species 英 ['spi:ʃi:z]

美 ['spi:ʃi:z]

News

Scientists create 'super enzyme' that eats plastic bottles six times faster

Retelling:

Questions:

1.

News

(CNN) Scientists have created a new "super enzyme" that can break down plastic up to six times faster than their previous enzyme.

A team of researchers that previously re-engineered a plastic-eating enzyme named PETase have now combined it with a second enzyme to speed up the process, according to a press release from the University of Portsmouth.

The super enzyme could have major implications for recycling polyethylene terephthalate (PET), which is the most common thermoplastic used in single-use drinks bottles, carpets, and clothing.

PET takes hundreds of years to degrade in the environment. PETase can break it down into its building blocks in a few days.

John McGeehan, lead co-author and director of the Centre for Enzyme Innovation at the University of Portsmouth, told CNN that this latest development represents a huge step towards using enzymes to recycle plastic and reduce plastic pollution.

Retell the News

- ✓ Tell about this new research development in less than 100 words.
- ✓ Talk to your partner. See if you talk about the same thing in the same way. Note the difference.

News

Half a million more girls are at risk of child marriage in 2020 because of Covid-19, charity warns

Retelling

Questions:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/01/world/covid-girls-child-marriage-intl/index.html>

News

London (CNN) - The pandemic has put 500,000 more girls at risk of being forced into child marriage this year, reversing 25 years of progress that saw child marriage rates decline, according to a new report by the charity Save the Children.

Before the global outbreak, 12 million girls married each year, now the charity warns that up to 2.5 million more girls could be at risk of child marriage over the next five years.

With up to 117 million children estimated to fall into poverty in 2020, many will face pressure to work and help provide for their families.

"The pandemic means more families are being pushed into poverty, forcing many girls to work to support their families, to go without food, to become the main caregivers for sick family members, and to drop out of school -- with far less of a chance than boys of ever returning," Inger Ashing, CEO of Save the Children International, said in a press release.

News

The pandemic led to school closures and "experience during the Ebola outbreak suggests many girls will never return" to class due "to increasing pressure to work, risk of child marriage, bans on pregnant girls attending school, and lost contact with education," the charity wrote.

This year, 191,200 girls in South Asia will be disproportionately affected by the risk of increased child marriage, the report says. It is followed by West and Central Africa, where 90,000 girls are at risk of child marriage, Latin America and the Caribbean (73,400), and Europe and Central Asia (37,200).

Task A5

- ✓ Suppose you were the CEO of Save the Child. You were speaking at a press release.
- ✓ Turn this news into a speech. Re-organize but include all the information of these two slides.

Group Discussion

1. 3 people form a group.
2. Each person in the group would present Task B1 or B2 to the group. Try your best to speak off the manuscripts. Raise your question at the end for the group to discuss or debate for a few minutes.
3. One person will be the Moderator of the discussion. The job is to organize and preside over the discussion.