

Delivery of COVID vaccine needs 8,000 jumbo jets



Before listening

Read the definitions of the new words

cargo - the goods that are being carried in a ship or plane

obstacle - something that makes it difficult to achieve something

to overcome - to fight and win

hub - the central and the most important part

commodity - the product that is bought and sold

shipment - a load of goods sent by ship, air, road or water or the act of sending them.

to tamper - to touch or make changes to something secretly or dishonestly

theft - the crime of stealing

1. Land is an extremely valuable _____.
2. Opening the borders removed all _____ to trade and travel between the two countries.
3. Shoplifting is a _____.
4. The ship was carrying a _____ of oil-drilling equipment.
5. Your order will be ready for _____ tomorrow.
6. I don't think he'll ever _____ his fear of flying.
7. Birmingham is the commercial _____ of the region.
8. Somebody _____ with the documents on my desk.

Match the synonyms

to overcome

cargo

obstacle

hub

commodity

shipment

to tamper

theft

transportation

barrier

robbery

to falsify

freight

to get over

centre

things/objects for trade

Listen to the and choose the correct answer

1. Distributing the vaccine will be a _____.
A. *a problem*
B. *a big operation*
C. *something impossible*
2. According to what the experts say, distributing the vaccine will need over _____.
A. *10 million planes*
B. *6 million planes*
C. *8 million planes*
3. Governments must start planning _____.
A. *the discussion of the century*
B. *the tuition of the century*
C. *the mission of the century*
4. Even if _____ of the vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will face _____.
A. *a part, an avalanche*
B. *a loaf, a balance*
C. *a half, a challenge*
5. The experts said there are still _____.
A. *a lot to think about*
B. *many problems to solve*
C. *a lot of people to talk to*
6. The most important problem is going to be how _____.
A. *to control people ' s body temperature*
B. *to keep the stable temperature in the vaccine storage places*
C. *to deal with the temperature outside*
7. The staff need to be experts in _____.
A. *giving injections*
B. *detecting symptoms*
C. *handling the vaccine*
8. Another challenge with the vaccine transportation is going to be _____.
A. *flight controls*
B. *mind controls*
C. *border controls*
9. The shipments of the vaccine also must be secure from tampering and _____.
A. *heat*
B. *theft*
C. *cold*

Listen again and complete the gaps

If a _____ (1) for COVID-19 arrives, governments will need many _____ (2). Distributing the vaccine will be a huge _____ (3). Experts say transporting 7.8 billion doses of a vaccine - one dose for everyone on Earth - will need 8 000 747 _____ (4). Governments must start planning for the “_____ (5)”. Even if half the vaccines can be transported by land, the _____ (6) will still face its largest transport challenge ever.

The experts said many _____ (7) must be _____ (8). One key element is to create temperature-controlled _____ (9) to keep the vaccine at the same temperature. Staff must quickly become experts at safely _____ (10) the vaccine. Another challenge would be security and _____ (11). The experts said: “Vaccines will be highly valuable _____ (12). Arrangements must be in place to ensure that _____ (13) remain secure from _____ (14) and theft.