

## 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	transportation
cargo	barrier
obstacle	robbery
hub	to falsify
commodity	freight
shipment	to get over
to tamper	centre
theft	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.