CORONAVIRUS

Read the article and then answer the questions

Nations around the world are battling with a major outbreak of a new deadly virus. The coronavirus, which started in the Chinese city of Wuhan, on 22nd January 2020 has already killed around 3,000 people from around the world. Countries affected include China, America, the UK and Italy. It has also spread to many other places like Pakistan, Japan, Korea and Thailand. More than 90,000 cases of people that have caught the virus and are in hospital. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that this is a global health emergency. China has been on lockdown for many weeks and people have not been to work, school and all public transport has been suspended. In other countries schools have been closed and people have been told not to travel.

The new coronavirus is suspected to have come from illegally traded animals in a Wuhan market. The virus mutated and spread from an animal to a human. There are fears it could mutate and spread further. Scientists say the virus is contagious and can be passed from person to person through the air. Dr Linfa Wang, a virologist at the Duke-National University of Singapore, said the new coronavirus is in the same family as SARS, but it's different from SARS. He said people needed to look for pneumonia-like symptoms, such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Fu Ning, a 36-year-old woman from Beijing, said: "I feel fearful because there's no cure for the virus."

1 Answer the questions about the reading

1. Which country did the virus come from?

2. On what day did the virus start?

3. Name 2 countries affected by the virus:

4. How many people have been in hospital because of the virus?

5. Where is the virus suspected to have come from?

6. How is the virus passed from person to person?