# TECHNICAL ENGLISH

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## Mouse plague in Australia forces prison to close

**I. Match sentences and translations. Write a number in the parentheses**

Millions of mice have been creating havoc in Australia. (  ) The state of New South Wales is suffering from its worst mouse plague in decades. (  ) The mouse population started growing on farms in spring last year because of a bumper wheat harvest. (  ) The rodents have been causing farmers a major headache for over a year. (  ) The plague has now caused problems for a prison. (  ) The Wellington Correctional Centre, about 350km west of Sydney, has been forced to evacuate. (  ) Up to 200 staff and 420 prisoners have been transferred to other jails in the region because of health and safety reasons. (  ) It will take 10 days for the prison to be cleaned and for repairs to electric cables and woodwork to be carried out. (  )

1. La plaga ahora ha causado problemas a una prisión.
2. La limpieza de la prisión y la reparación de los cables eléctricos y la carpintería tardarán 10 días.
3. El centro correccional de Wellington, a unos 350 kilómetros al oeste de Sydney, se ha visto obligado a evacuar.
4. El estado de Nueva Gales del Sur está sufriendo la peor plaga de ratones en décadas.
5. Millones de ratones han causado estragos en Australia.
6. Los roedores han causado un gran dolor de cabeza a los agricultores durante más de un año.
7. La población de ratones comenzó a crecer en las granjas en la primavera del año pasado debido a una excelente cosecha de trigo.
8. Hasta 200 miembros del personal y 420 presos han sido trasladados a otras cárceles de la región por motivos de salud y seguridad.

Mice have been causing damage to buildings throughout the region. (  ) Their droppings have become a health hazard that has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up. (  ) In addition, they have chewed through electrical wiring, which has become a danger to property and human life. (  ) Prisons spokesperson Peter Severin spoke about the cleaning and repair operations at Wellington. (  ) He said: "The health, safety and wellbeing of staff and inmates is our number one priority, so it's important for us to act now to carry out the vital repair work.... (  ) We need to take this step now to ensure the site is thoroughly cleaned and infrastructure is repaired." (  ) Staff will also look at ways to protect against plagues in the future. (  )

9. El personal también buscará formas de protegerse contra las plagas en el futuro.
10. Dijo: "La salud, la seguridad y el bienestar del personal y los reclusos es nuestra prioridad número uno, por lo que es importante que actuemos ahora para llevar a cabo el trabajo de reparación vital ...
11. El portavoz de las prisiones, Peter Severin, habló sobre las operaciones de limpieza y reparación en Wellington.
12. Necesitamos dar este paso ahora para asegurar el sitio se limpia a fondo y se repara la infraestructura ".
13. Sus excrementos se han convertido en un peligro para la salud cuya limpieza ha costado cientos de miles de dólares.
14. Además, han mordido el cableado eléctrico, lo que se ha convertido en un peligro para la propiedad y la vida humana.
15. Los ratones han estado causando daños a edificios en toda la región.

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## II. Match Words and Meanings

Paragraph 1

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | havoc | | All of the crops grown and gathered in a season. |
| 2 | decade | | Widespread destruction. |
| 3 | population | | All the people of a particular town, area, or country. |
| 4 | harvest | | Remove someone from a place of danger to a safe place. |
| 5 | rodent | | A thick rope of wire or nonmetallic fiber, usually used for construction, tying up ships, and towing cars, or for transporting electricity. |
| 6 | evacuate | | A period of ten years. |
| 7 | cable | | A mammal that includes rats, mice, squirrels, hamsters, etc. with strong, large front teeth. |

Paragraph 2

| | | | |
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| 8 | throughout | | Buildings and land that belong to someone. |
| 9 | droppings | | In a way that covers every detail. |
| 10 | chew | | Totally necessary or important; essential. |
| 11 | property | | Bite at something non-stop. |
| 12 | wellbeing | | The state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy. |
| 13 | vital | | In every part of. |
| 14 | thoroughly | | The solid waste of animals, such as mice, sheep, birds, and insects. |

## III. Complete this chart

| Infinitive | Simple past | Past participle | Meaning |
|---|---|---|---|
| create | | | |
| take | | | |
| cost | | | |
| speak | | | |
| say | | | |
| act | | | |
| protect | | | |

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