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# Seals with rabies cause alarm for surfers in South Africa: 'Everyone was paddling to get away'

## Description

Seal behaviour in Cape Town has taken a worrying turn as nine seals have tested positive for rabies, marking the world's first significant outbreak of the disease in marine mammals. Surfers and swimmers along the 400-mile coastline are on high alert as seals have been displaying unusually aggressive behavior, including biting several surfers and causing horrific injuries. Scientists are working to understand how rabies entered the seal population and how far it has spread. Despite the concerning situation, authorities are urging the public to report any unusual seal behavior and to keep a safe distance from seals. While the fear of rabid seals is understandable, experts emphasize that relaxed seals are unlikely to pose a threat. The proactive approach being taken aims to prevent further spread of the disease and protect both the seal population and humans from rabies.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Outbreak** /'aʊt.breɪk/ (noun): A sudden occurrence of a disease in a particular time and place.
2. **Aggressive** /ə'grɛsɪv/ (adjective): Ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression.
3. **Injuries** /'ɪn.dʒər.ɪz/ (noun): Physical harm or damage to a person's body.
4. **Population** /,pɒp.jə'leɪ.ʃən/ (noun): All the inhabitants of a particular area or place.
5. **Proactive** /prəʊ'æk.tɪv/ (adjective): Creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it after it has happened.
6. **Concerning** /kən'sɜː.nɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing worry or concern.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the worrying concern regarding seal behavior in Cape Town?

Option: They have been stealing fish from fishermen

Option: They have tested positive for rabies

Option: They have been migrating to warmer waters



Option: They have been more friendly towards humans

2. What is significant about the recent outbreak of rabies in seals in Cape Town?

Option: It is the first time seals have been infected with rabies

Option: It is common for seals to have rabies

Option: It has affected other marine animals too

Option: It only impacts seals in captivity

3. Why are surfers and swimmers along the coastline on high alert?

Option: Seals have been playing with them in the water

Option: Seals have been displaying unusually aggressive behavior

Option: Seals have been teaching them how to swim better

Option: Seals have been offering them food

4. What are authorities urging the public to do in response to the seal behavior?

Option: Stop all water activities

Option: Remain ignorant of seal behavior

Option: Report any unusual seal behavior

Option: Feed the seals to keep them calm

5. According to experts what type of seals are unlikely to pose a threat?

Option: Relaxed seals

Option: Seals that are sleeping

Option: Seals that are playing

Option: Seals that are barking loudly

6. What is the aim of the proactive approach being taken regarding the rabies outbreak in seals?

Option: To capture and relocate all seals

Option: To prevent further spread of the disease

Option: To start a vaccination campaign for seals

Option: To ignore the problem and hope it goes away

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. They have tested positive for rabies 2. It is the first time seals have been infected with rabies 3. Seals have been displaying unusually aggressive behavior 4. Report any unusual seal behavior 5. Relaxed seals 6. To prevent further spread of the disease

## Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is the key principle behind maintaining a balanced lifestyle?  
Option: A) Hydration  
Option: B) Moderation  
Option: C) Aggressiveness  
Option: D) Deprivation
2. Which approach involves taking actions to prevent issues before they occur?  
Option: A) Reactive  
Option: B) Proactive  
Option: C) Injuries  
Option: D) Incidence
3. What term refers to the total number of individuals within a specific area?  
Option: A) Concerning  
Option: B) Population  
Option: C) Well-being  
Option: D) Demographics
4. What are indications of a condition or disease experienced by an individual?  
Option: A) Symptoms  
Option: B) Caffeine  
Option: C) Exposure  
Option: D) Plasticity
5. Which term refers to the quantity or amount of something?  
Option: A) Volume  
Option: B) Balanced  
Option: C) Manage  
Option: D) Contracted
6. Accidents or traumas that cause harm to the body are commonly known as:  
Option: A) Injuries  
Option: B) Proactive  
Option: C) Equating  
Option: D) Deprivation
7. Which term refers to making two things equal or equivalent to each other?  
Option: A) Persistent  
Option: B) Equating  
Option: C) Volume



Option: D) Symptoms

8. What term describes the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge?

- Option: A) Implication
- Option: B) Significantly
- Option: C) Caffeine
- Option: D) Cognition

9. Which word is used to describe being subjected to something especially something unpleasant?

- Option: A) Exposure
- Option: B) Well-being
- Option: C) Outbreak
- Option: D) Crucial

10. What term represents something of great importance or necessary significance?

- Option: A) Population
- Option: B) Crucial
- Option: C) Moderation
- Option: D) Persistent

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. It is important to stay \_\_\_\_\_ especially during hot weather to maintain good health.

12. An \_\_\_\_\_ of a contagious disease can lead to widespread panic and health concerns in a community.

13. The discovery of new evidence had serious \_\_\_\_\_ for the outcome of the trial.

14. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flu after being in close contact with an infected individual.

15. His \_\_\_\_\_ cough was a cause for concern prompting him to visit the doctor.

16. The latest reports about the environmental impact of the factory are very \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of diabetes has been increasing steadily in the past decade.

18. Marketers study the \_\_\_\_\_ of their target audience to tailor their advertising strategies.



19. The new regulations will \_\_\_\_\_ impact how businesses operate in the region.
20. Sleep \_\_\_\_\_ can have negative effects on a person's mood and cognitive function.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A diet that includes a variety of nutrients in the right proportions is necessary for good health.
22. Effective time is crucial for maintaining productivity and reducing stress.
23. Regular exercise and proper nutrition are essential for overall health and .
24. The team adopted an marketing strategy to gain a competitive edge in the market.
25. Anticipating challenges and taking preventive measures is part of being in problem-solving.
26. The brain's ability to adapt and reorganize itself is known as neuroplasticity or brain .
27. His efforts paid off as he finally achieved his long-term goal.
28. Many people rely on for the temporary boost in alertness it provides.
29. The loud of the music at the concert caused discomfort to some attendees.
30. She was to new ideas and experiences during her travels broadening her perspectives.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B) Moderation 2. B) Proactive 3. B) Population 4. A) Symptoms 5. A) Volume 6. A) Injuries 7. B) Equating 8. D) Cognition 9. A) Exposure 10. B) Crucial

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Hydrated 12. Outbreak 13. Implication 14. Contracted 15. Persistent 16. Concerning 17. Incidence 18. Demographics 19. Significantly 20. Deprivation

**Matching sentence:** 1. Balanced 2. Manage 3. Well-being 4. Aggressive 5. Proactive 6. Plasticity 7. Persistent 8. Caffeine 9. Volume 10. Exposed

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