

## Doctor who identified SARS becomes its victim

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### 1 Pre-reading | Key Vocabulary

Fill the gaps using these words

|        |            |         |        |
|--------|------------|---------|--------|
| virus  | infectious | severe  | sample |
| praise | isolate    | spreads | expert |

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ illness is one that is very serious.
2. If a disease \_\_\_\_\_, it passes quickly from one person to another.
3. Doctors often \_\_\_\_\_ people with infectious diseases. They keep them alone and away from other people.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very small living thing that can enter your body and make you ill.
5. An \_\_\_\_\_ disease can spread easily from one person to another.
6. An \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who knows a lot about a particular subject.
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ someone, you say many positive things about them.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very small amount of something which can be used for scientific or medical tests.

### 2 Find the answer

Look in the text and find the answers to these questions as quickly as possible.

1. What is SARS?
2. How many people has SARS killed?
3. What was the name of the doctor who first identified SARS?
4. What are the 3 main symptoms of SARS?
5. According to the article how many countries has SARS infected?
6. What do people in Hong Kong wear when they go out?

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SARS is like flu. It is also a virus but it is much more dangerous than flu. It has now killed hundreds of people in different parts of the world. It has also infected thousands of other people. Recently the doctor who first identified SARS, Dr Carlo Urbani, died from SARS. Dr Urbani worked for the World Health Organisation in Vietnam. An American businessman was taken to hospital in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, with a strange illness. Dr Urbani was the first person in the world to notice that this was a new disease. He called it SARS, which means 'severe acute respiratory syndrome'.

The SARS virus can move very quickly. People who suffer from SARS have a high temperature, a cough and difficulty in breathing. Dr

Urbani's colleague Pascale Brudon said: "Carlo was the first person to see that this was something strange. When people became very worried in the hospital, he was there every day, collecting samples, talking to the staff and trying to control the infection."

In a statement, the World Health Organisation praised Dr Urbani, an expert in infectious diseases. "Because of Dr Urbani's work with SARS, we were able to identify and isolate many new cases before they infected hospital workers," they said in the statement.

The virus is still spreading very quickly across East Asia. Most of the cases are in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Vietnam.

Hong Kong has closed schools for a million students for 10 days, but some doctors say they should be closed for a month. Normal daily life has changed completely for the people of Hong Kong. They do not go to restaurants or theatres and they do not take taxis. They wear special face masks and even chemical

protection suits when they go out.

The Chinese government now publishes a daily report on the spread of the disease, but some experts in Hong Kong say the Chinese government did not provide enough information about SARS and how quickly the disease can spread.

When the virus reached Hong Kong, it infected a lot of hospital workers. A doctor from Guangdong province in China first brought SARS to Hong Kong in February.

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### 3 Comprehension Check

Match the beginnings and the endings of the sentences.

1. SARS ...
2. SARS has infected ...
3. SARS means ...
4. The SARS virus can ...
5. People with SARS ...
6. Dr Urbani was ...
7. People in Hong Kong and other countries ...
8. A doctor from China ...

- a. ...severe acute respiratory syndrome.
- b. ...have a high temperature and a cough.
- c. ...wear special face masks.
- d. ...move very quickly.
- e. ...is much more dangerous than flu.
- f. ... an expert in infectious diseases.
- g. ...first brought SARS to Hong Kong.
- h. ...thousands of people.

### 4 Vocabulary Work - Word Building

Complete the table

| Verb        | Noun  |
|-------------|-------|
| 1. infect   | _____ |
| 2. collect  | _____ |
| 3. identify | _____ |
| 4. isolate  | _____ |
| 5. treat    | _____ |
| 6. protect  | _____ |
| 7. state    | _____ |
| 8. praise   | _____ |

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### 5 Vocabulary Work - Prepositions

Without looking at the text, fill the gaps using a suitable preposition:

1. He was the first person \_\_\_\_\_ the world to identify SARS.
2. People have difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ breathing.
3. Dr Urbani was an expert \_\_\_\_\_ infectious diseases.
4. The virus is spreading very quickly \_\_\_\_\_ East Asia.
5. Schools have been closed \_\_\_\_\_ 10 days.
6. There is not enough information \_\_\_\_\_ SARS.
7. A Chinese doctor first brought SARS \_\_\_\_\_ Hong Kong.

Now look in the text and check your answers.

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### Key

#### 1 Key Vocabulary

1. severe
2. spreads
3. isolate
4. virus
5. infectious
6. expert
7. praise
8. sample

#### 2 Find the answer

1. A virus
2. hundreds
3. Carlos Urbani
4. A high temperature, a cough and difficulty in breathing
5. 4
6. Special face masks and chemical protection suits.

#### 3 Comprehension Check

1. e
2. h
3. a
4. d
5. b
6. f
7. c
8. g

#### 4 Word Building

1. infection
2. collection
3. identification
4. isolation
5. treatment
6. protection
7. statement
8. praise

#### 5 Prepositions

1. in
2. in
3. in
4. across
5. for
6. about
7. to