**The Laboratory**

In the countryside, in a remote part of England, there stands a fortress. It is no ordinary fortress, though, it is a laboratory, and the high security is dedicated not to stopping things from getting in, but preventing things from escaping. It is one of Britain’s most important research laboratories, where the most deadly viruses known to man are kept. The virus is the simplest form of life and can only exist inside cells. These can be plant, animal or human cells. Once inside these cells, they begin to multiply, often with deadly results. Where they come from is often a mystery as well. The scientists working at the laboratory are dedicated to discovering this. Some viruses can kill in as little as two weeks, and if they are very infectious can be spread from one part of the world to another by people travelling on planes. Sometimes the viruses just vanish for a while, but the team at the laboratory believe that often the virus is simply looking for ways to improve its chances of survival, and is waiting for another chance to attack human or animal cells. This laboratory takes security very seriously. They only employ people who have a great deal of experience in working with viruses. They do not employ aggressive people, or people who don’t get on with others as they work in pairs in the laboratory so that they can check on each other’s work. This is to prevent incidents like the case of a scientist in another laboratory who accidentally spilt some dangerous liquid on himself. He had not realised and five other people were infected with the virus. Luckily, they all survived.

**TRUE / FALSE/ NO INFORMATION**

1. The Building is located in a rural area.
2. The most basic viruses are usually found in plant cells.
3. After two weeks, viruses are no longer deadly.
4. Holidaymakers are responsible for spreading the most dangerous viruses.
5. Viruses can disappear temporarily.
6. Working in the laboratory can be very stressful.
7. The scientists must co-operate with each other.
8. There was once a potentially fatal incident at the laboratory.