

A2-B1 Worksheet: Should Google Release Millions of Mosquitoes? - 02 June 2026

Article

Google has asked for approval to release millions of special mosquitoes in parts of California and Florida. The project sounds strange, but the goal is simple. Scientists want to reduce the number of dangerous mosquitoes that can spread disease.

The mosquitoes in the plan are male, and male mosquitoes do not bite people. They carry a natural bacterium that stops baby mosquitoes from living. If the plan works, fewer dangerous mosquitoes will grow in the area.

Some people think the idea is smart and safe. Others want more information before it begins. The public can send comments to US officials. For many towns, this project may be better than normal chemical sprays, especially when sprays do not work very well.

True/False

Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F).

1. Google wants approval to release special mosquitoes in parts of California and Florida.
2. The project wants to increase the number of dangerous mosquitoes.
3. Male mosquitoes do not bite people.
4. The plan uses a natural bacterium.
5. The bacteria helps baby mosquitoes live longer.
6. Some people want more information before the plan begins.
7. The public cannot give comments about the plan.
8. The article says the project may be better than normal chemical sprays.

Synonym Match

Match the words (1-10) to the correct synonyms (A-J).

Words (1-10)	Synonyms (A-J)
1. release	A. risky
2. approval	B. plan
3. dangerous	C. permission
4. disease	D. lower
5. reduce	E. usual
6. public	F. harmless
7. comments	G. illness
8. project	H. set free
9. safe	I. people
10. normal	J. opinions

Use the new language

Please choose 5 words from the Synonym Match and make your own sentence using each word.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Discussion Questions

Student A	Student B
1. Are there many mosquitoes where you live?	1. Why do mosquitoes create serious health problems in some places?
2. Are you afraid of mosquitoes? Why or why not?	2. Should technology companies work on public health problems?
3. Would you feel worried if a company released mosquitoes near your home?	3. What information should people receive before a project like this starts?
4. Do you think male mosquitoes sound less dangerous?	4. Is it better to reduce disease risk, even if the method sounds strange?
5. How do people usually protect themselves from mosquitoes?	5. Why might people distrust a company releasing insects?
6. Do you prefer natural ideas or chemical sprays?	6. Should local people be able to stop the project?
7. Should the public be able to comment on projects like this?	7. Can this idea be safer than normal chemical sprays?
8. Would you trust Google with a health project?	8. What other health problems could technology help solve?

Answer Key

True/False: 1=T, 2=F, 3=T, 4=T, 5=F, 6=T, 7=F, 8=T

Synonym Match: 1=H, 2=C, 3=A, 4=G, 5=D, 6=I, 7=J, 8=B, 9=F, 10=E

Example sentences with the words

1. Scientists may release special mosquitoes in some areas.
2. The company needs approval before the project can start.
3. Some mosquitoes are dangerous because they carry disease.
4. Dengue is a serious disease in many countries.
5. The plan could reduce the number of mosquitoes.
6. The public can give comments before the final decision.
7. Many comments asked for more safety information.
8. This project uses science to solve a health problem.
9. Officials say the male mosquitoes are safe for people.
10. Normal sprays do not always work very well.