

The story

Scientists seeking a cure for the deadly Ebola virus have found that clinical trials using a new type of treatment in the Democratic Republic of Congo have proved highly effective. An outbreak of the disease has killed at least 1800 people in the past year in the DRC. Doctor Anthony Fauci is one of the researchers who worked with the World Health Organisation on the treatments. He said they could be ready to roll out very soon.

Vocabulary**preliminary**

happening before a more important action or event

- Preliminary market research indicates the new product will be very popular.
- My team was knocked out during the preliminary stages of the tournament.

rate

measure of the number of times or frequency something happens

- Rob steals biscuits at a rate of four per day! We're watching you, Rob!
- Due to extra policing, the crime rate is lower than ever before!

incurable

cannot be cured

- Before antibiotics were discovered, many diseases were incurable.
- I'm afraid the disease has spread too far and is now incurable. I'm sorry.

Language challenge

Which of these does NOT mean 'causing death'?

- crippling
- deadly
- lethal

Answer:

- crippling