

Ban on Gene-edited Babies Proposed

Article-Based Observation, Q

Directions: Read the article "[Ban on gene-edited babies proposed](#)" and answer the questions below.

1. What is a moratorium? What are the specifics of the one described in the article?
2. What, according to the article, would still be allowed under the proposed moratorium?
3. From the context provided, what is CRISPR?
4. Who is calling for the ban and why is their support important?
5. Give two reasons why researchers think the ban of about five years is needed?
6. Identify and define at least two terms in the article that aren't familiar to you. How does knowing these words help you understand the article?
7. How does this call for a ban compare with previous statements from scientists on gene editing?
8. If the ban doesn't have legal weight, why might scientists follow it?
9. What did Chinese scientist Jiankui He do last year? How does bioengineer Russ Altman think He's actions will affect this ban?
10. What questions do you have after reading this article?