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## **Level 1**

# **Dementia will rise in the future**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150923-dementia-1.html>

One in three British people born this year will suffer from dementia. Dementia is when the brain no longer works properly due to illness, old age or injury. People lose memories and forget things. Their personality changes. A mental illness charity said dementia would affect up to 37 per cent of children born this year. This could cause a future health crisis. There is no good treatment to slow down or stop dementia. Governments need to do more research.

An expert on dementia spoke about this big problem. He said: "More people will develop dementia in the future if action is not taken now." He added: "Dementia is our greatest medical challenge and if we are to beat it, we must...find new treatments." Globally, around 36 million people have dementia. About 10 per cent of us will get it. This will increase as people live longer. The most common form of dementia is called Alzheimer's.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1556117/looming-national-crisis-over-dementia>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/sep/21/one-third-of-people-born-in-2015-will-develop-dementia>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150923-dementia-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. One in                          | a. charity              |
| 2. the brain no longer works       | b. things               |
| 3. due to illness, old age         | c. properly             |
| 4. People lose memories and forget | d. health crisis        |
| 5. Their personality               | e. three British people |
| 6. A mental illness                | f. or injury            |
| 7. This could cause a future       | g. stop dementia        |
| 8. slow down or                    | h. changes              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. An expert                         | a. challenge          |
| 2. More people will develop dementia | b. people live longer |
| 3. if action is not                  | c. us will get it     |
| 4. our greatest medical              | d. of dementia        |
| 5. we must find new                  | e. taken now          |
| 6. About 10 per cent of              | f. on dementia        |
| 7. This will increase as             | g. in the future      |
| 8. The most common form              | h. treatments         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ British people born this year will suffer from dementia. Dementia (2) \_\_\_\_\_ no longer works properly (3) \_\_\_\_\_, old age or injury. People lose memories and forget things. Their personality changes. A mental illness charity said dementia (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 37 per cent of children born this year. This could (5) \_\_\_\_\_ health crisis. There is no good treatment to slow down or stop dementia. Governments (6) \_\_\_\_\_ research.

An expert on dementia (7) \_\_\_\_\_ big problem. He said: "More people will develop dementia (8) \_\_\_\_\_ action is not taken now." He added: "Dementia is our greatest medical challenge (9) \_\_\_\_\_ beat it, we must...find new treatments." Globally, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ people have dementia. About 10 per cent (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This will increase as people live longer. The most (12) \_\_\_\_\_ dementia is called Alzheimer's.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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g)

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h)

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