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73-year-old woman gives birth to twins

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THE ARTICLE

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Is there an age at which it is too old to have a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has given birth to twins. The woman said that becoming a mother for the first time was "the happiest time" of her life. The mother needed a caesarean section operation to deliver the twins. The mother and her two twin girls are all in good health and the mother is recovering well after the surgery. The woman thought she would never be able to have children. She and her husband first tried to have a child fifty years ago. All their attempts were unsuccessful. The woman thought she would be childless forever after her menopause started 25 years ago. She said not having children caused her pain as people called her "the childless lady".

The woman was able to give birth because of the method of IVF. A healthy egg was taken from a younger woman and was fertilized with her husband's sperm. The woman then carried the fertilized egg and she became pregnant. She said that when she found out she was having twins, she could not describe her happiness. She said: "This is the happiest time of my life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with their patient. One doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, we had three groups of doctors. One took care of her general health, one took care of her nutritional status and one took care of her pregnancy." The doctor said she was always in very good hands.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/06/indian-woman-73-gives-birth-twin-girls-mangayamma-yaramati-andhra-pradesh>
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<https://timesofoman.com/article/1885357/World/India/73-year-old-Indian-gives-birth-to-healthy-twins-girls>

WARM-UPS

1. GIVING BIRTH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about giving birth. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

age / giving birth / baby / twins / operation / husband / unsuccessful / forever / pain / method / IVF / pregnant / egg / happiness / treatment / doctor / health / in good hands

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. AGE LIMIT: Students A **strongly** believe there should be an age limit on parents; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AGE 73: What can and can't a 73-year-old do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Things They Can Do	Things They Can't Do
Parenthood		
Teacher		
President		
Soldier		
Car driver		
Surgeon		

5. TWINS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "twins". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HAPPIEST TIMES: Rank these with your partner. Put the happiest times of your life at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Birth of a child
- Wedding day
- Graduation day
- Passing driving license
- 100th birthday
- Buying a house
- Retirement day
- Family reunion

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. twins | a. An operation for delivering a child by cutting through the wall of the mother's stomach. |
| 2. caesarean | b. Returning to a normal state of health, mind, or strength. |
| 3. deliver | c. Two children born at the same time to the same mother. |
| 4. recovering | d. Try. |
| 5. surgery | e. Helping the body to recover by cutting into it and fixing things. |
| 6. attempt | f. The time in a woman's life (usually between 45 and 50 years of age) when she can no longer produce eggs and become pregnant naturally. |
| 7. menopause | g. Give birth to. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. method | h. Protected by good people from harm or damage. |
| 9. fertilized | i. Talk about something in detail. |
| 10. pregnant | j. A person receiving or registered to receive medical treatment. |
| 11. describe | k. A particular way of doing something, especially a systematic or established one. |
| 12. patient | l. Caused (an egg, female animal, or plant) to start developing a new baby or plant. |
| 13. status | m. The relative social, professional, or other standing of someone or something. |
| 14. in good hands | n. A woman or female animal having a child or young developing inside her. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. It is the third time the woman has had children. **T / F**
- b. The woman gave birth without needing surgery. **T / F**
- c. The woman always knew she would have a child one day. **T / F**
- d. The woman was hurt by being called a childless lady. **T / F**
- e. The woman had a treatment called IVF. **T / F**
- f. The woman's doctors are happy with her. **T / F**
- g. The woman had three different groups of doctors. **T / F**
- h. A doctor said the woman was in very good hands. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. operation | a. condition |
| 2. recovering | b. for all time |
| 3. attempts | c. procedure |
| 4. forever | d. looked after |
| 5. pain | e. getting better |
| 6. method | f. throughout |
| 7. describe | g. suffering |
| 8. during | h. tell of |
| 9. took care of | i. tries |
| 10. status | j. surgery |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. The mother needed a caesarean section | a. unsuccessful |
| 2. the mother is recovering | b. childless forever |
| 3. All their attempts were | c. care of her pregnancy |
| 4. The woman thought she would be | d. of the method of IVF |
| 5. She said not having children | e. her happiness |
| 6. The woman was able to give birth because | f. well |
| 7. the fertilized | g. in very good hands |
| 8. she could not describe | h. operation |
| 9. one took | i. caused her pain |
| 10. The doctor said she was always | j. egg |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

Is there an (1) _____ at which it is too old to have a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has given birth to twins. The woman said that becoming a mother for the first time was "the happiest (2) _____" of her life. The mother needed a caesarean section operation to (3) _____ the twins. The mother and her two twin girls are all in good health and the mother is (4) _____ well after the surgery. The woman thought she would never be able to have children. She and her husband (5) _____ tried to have a child fifty years ago. All their (6) _____ were unsuccessful. The woman thought she would be childless forever after her menopause started 25 years (7) _____. She said not having children caused her pain as people called her "the (8) _____ lady".

time
ago
recovering
childless
age
attempts
deliver
first

The woman was able to give birth because of the (9) _____ of IVF. A healthy egg was taken from a younger woman and was fertilized with her husband's sperm. The woman then (10) _____ the fertilized egg and she became (11) _____. She said that when she found out she was having twins, she could not describe her (12) _____. She said: "This is the (13) _____ time of my life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with their (14) _____. One doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, we had three groups of doctors. One took care of her general (15) _____, one took care of her nutritional status and one took care of her pregnancy." The doctor said she was always in very good (16) _____.

pregnant
happiest
hands
carried
health
happiness
method
patient

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) becoming a mother for the first time was "the happiest time" _____
 - a. off her life
 - b. of their life
 - c. of her life
 - d. of her live
- 2) The mother and her two twin girls are all in good health and the mother _____
 - a. is recover in well
 - b. is recovering good
 - c. is re-cover in well
 - d. is recovering well
- 3) tried to have a child fifty years ago. All their _____ unsuccessful
 - a. attempts were
 - b. attempts was
 - c. attempt were
 - d. attempt was
- 4) The woman thought she would be _____
 - a. childless four ever
 - b. childless fore ever
 - c. childless for ever
 - d. childless forever
- 5) She said not having children _____
 - a. cause her pain
 - b. caused her pain
 - c. caused the pain
 - d. caused their pain
- 6) The woman was able to give birth because of the _____
 - a. method of IVF
 - b. method of IFV
 - c. method of IBF
 - d. method of IFB
- 7) The woman then carried the fertilized egg and she _____
 - a. became pregnancy
 - b. became pregnancies
 - c. became pregnant
 - d. becomes pregnant
- 8) The new mother's doctors are also happy _____
 - a. with their patience
 - b. with their patient
 - c. with their patients
 - d. with their patiently
- 9) One took care of her general health, one took care of her _____
 - a. nutritional stay truss
 - b. nutritional straight us
 - c. nutritional state us
 - d. nutritional status
- 10) The doctor said she was always in _____
 - a. very good hand
 - b. very good hands
 - c. very good handy
 - d. very good handed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

1. What was the happiest moment of the woman's life?
2. What kind of operation did the woman need?
3. What kind of health are the twin girls in?
4. When did the woman first try to have children?
5. What painful name did people call the woman in the story?
6. What method helped the woman have a baby?
7. Where did the woman get the egg that started her pregnancy?
8. What was the woman unable to describe?
9. How many groups of doctors looked after the woman?
10. What did the doctor say the woman was in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

- 1) What was the happiest moment of the woman's life?
 - a) going to New York
 - b) getting married
 - c) buying a house
 - d) giving birth
- 2) What kind of operation did the woman need?
 - a) stitches
 - b) a caesarean
 - c) a heart replacement
 - d) cataracts
- 3) What kind of health are the twin girls in?
 - a) in improving health
 - b) in fair health
 - c) in excellent health
 - d) in good health
- 4) When did the woman first try to have children?
 - a) 40 years ago
 - b) 45 years ago
 - c) 50 years ago
 - d) 55 years ago
- 5) What painful name did people call the woman in the story?
 - a) the silly lady
 - b) the old lady
 - c) grandma
 - d) the childless lady
- 6) What method helped the woman have a baby?
 - a) IFV
 - b) FIV
 - c) IVF
 - d) VIF
- 7) Where did the woman get the egg that started her pregnancy?
 - a) from a younger woman
 - b) her younger sister
 - c) her niece
 - d) a neighbour
- 8) What was the woman unable to describe?
 - a) the pain
 - b) childbirth
 - c) her happiness
 - d) the hospital room
- 9) How many groups of doctors looked after the woman?
 - a) four
 - b) three
 - c) two
 - d) five
- 10) What did the doctor say the woman was in?
 - a) in good hands
 - b) a hospital
 - c) a sedated state
 - d) a special bed

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Birth of a Child

You think the birth of a child is the happiest time. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the least happy of these (and why): your wedding day, your graduation day or your 100th birthday.

Role B – Wedding Day

You think your wedding day is the happiest time. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the least happy of these (and why): the birth of a child, your graduation day or your 100th birthday.

Role C – Graduation Day

You think your graduation day is the happiest time. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the least happy of these (and why): your wedding day, the birth of a child or your 100th birthday.

Role D – 100th Birthday

You think your 100th birthday is the happiest time. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the least happy of these (and why): your wedding day, your graduation day or the birth of a child.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'twin' and 'baby'.

twin	baby
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• age• needed• health• able• 25• pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• method• carried• found• during• status• hands
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GIVING BIRTH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about giving birth in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

GIVING BIRTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'baby'?
3. Is 73 too old to have a baby?
4. What do you know about caesarean section operations?
5. How dangerous is childbirth?
6. How many children would you like?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of giving birth at 73?
8. How important is it to have children?
9. Should people have fewer children to help the planet?
10. What advice do you have for the mother?

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GIVING BIRTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'twins'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should there be an age limit for people becoming parents?
15. What is the best age to have a baby?
16. Would you like to have twins?
17. Which is better - having twins or triplets?
18. What do you know about IVF?
19. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having twins?
20. What questions would you like to ask the mother?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

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

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) old | (b) age | (c) birth | (d) aging |
| 2. | (a) gives | (b) given | (c) give | (d) gave |
| 3. | (a) carry | (b) bring | (c) give | (d) deliver |
| 4. | (a) nice | (b) well | (c) good | (d) healthy |
| 5. | (a) childlike | (b) childless | (c) childish | (d) children |
| 6. | (a) fever | (b) numb | (c) pain | (d) sore |
| 7. | (a) takes | (b) taking | (c) taken | (d) took |
| 8. | (a) pregnancy | (b) charged | (c) pregnant | (d) carrying |
| 9. | (a) happily | (b) happiest | (c) happy | (d) happiness |
| 10. | (a) patient | (b) patiently | (c) patience | (d) patients |
| 11. | (a) general | (b) generous | (c) gene | (d) generic |
| 12. | (a) arms | (b) feet | (c) hands | (d) brains |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a caesarean section opirntoea
2. dlveeri the twins
3. recovering well after the uegsrry
4. She and her auhbdns
5. All their maetppts were unsuccessful
6. the cihsedsll lady

Paragraph 2

7. the oehdtm of IVF
8. carried the eiritfldze egg
9. she became nnaegprt
10. she could not dbceiers her happiness
11. During the IVF nmeertatt
12. took care of her nutritional utasst

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () care of her general health, one took care of her nutritional status and one took
- () menopause started 25 years ago. She said not having children caused her pain as people called her "the childless lady".
- () care of her pregnancy." The doctor said she was always in very good hands.
- () fifty years ago. All their attempts were unsuccessful. The woman thought she would be childless forever after her
- (**1**) Is there an age at which it is too old to have a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has
- () twin girls are all in good health and the mother is recovering well after the surgery. The woman thought she would
- () given birth to twins. The woman said that becoming a mother for the first time was "the happiest
- () egg and she became pregnant. She said that when she found out she was having twins, she could not describe her
- () woman and was fertilized with her husband's sperm. The woman then carried the fertilized
- () The woman was able to give birth because of the method of IVF. A healthy egg was taken from a younger
- () doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, we had three groups of doctors. One took
- () time" of her life. The mother needed a caesarean section operation to deliver the twins. The mother and her two
- () never be able to have children. She and her husband first tried to have a child
- () happiness. She said: "This is the happiest time of my life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with their patient. One

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

1. the for a first time . mother Becoming
2. needed operation . The mother section a caesarean
3. after well The recovering surgery . mother the is
4. woman The be would childless forever . she thought
5. said pain . caused her having She not children
6. from a younger taken eggs Healthy were woman
7. was When out she twins . she found having
8. also The mother's doctors new are happy .
9. of took One her care health . general
10. good She was always very hands . in

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

Is there an age at which it is too *age / old* to have a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has given birth to twins. The woman said that *become / becoming* a mother for the first time was "the happiest time" of her *live / life*. The mother needed a caesarean section operation to *delivery / deliver* the twins. The mother and her two twin girls are all in *well / good* health and the mother is recovering well after the *surgery / sugary*. The woman thought she would never be *able / ability* to have children. She and her husband first tried to have a child fifty years ago. All their *attempt / attempts* were unsuccessful. The woman thought she would be *childless / childlike* forever after her menopause started 25 years ago. She said not having children caused her *pain / sore* as people called her "the childless lady".

The woman was able to give *born / birth* because of the method of IVF. A healthy egg was *took / taken* from a younger woman and was fertilized with her husband's *sperm / spam*. The woman then carried the fertilized egg and she became *pregnancy / pregnant*. She said that when she found out she was having twins, she could not describe *she / her* happiness. She said: "This is the happiest time of my life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with their *patience / patient*. One doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, we had *there / three* groups of doctors. One took *care / careful* of her general health, one took care of her nutritional *statues / status* and one took care of her pregnancy." The doctor said she was always in very good *feet / hands*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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I s t h _ r _ _ n _ g _ _ t w h _ c h _ t _ s _ t _ _ l d t _ h _ v _
_ b _ b y ? A 7 3 - y _ _ r _ _ l d w _ m _ n _ n I n d _ _ h _ s
g _ v _ n b _ r t h t _ t w _ n s . T h _ w _ m _ n s _ _ d t h t
b _ c _ m _ n g _ _ m _ t h _ r f _ r t h _ f _ r s t t _ m _ w _ s " t
h _ h _ p p _ _ s t t _ m _ " _ f h _ r l _ f _ . T h _ m _ t h _ r n _ _
d _ d _ _ c _ _ s _ r _ _ n s _ c t _ _ n _ p _ r t _ _ n t _ d _ l _ v _ r t
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s _ r _ _ l l _ n g _ _ d h _ _ l t h _ n d t h _ m _ t h _ r _ s
r _ c _ v _ r _ n g w _ l l _ f t _ r t h _ s _ r g _ r y . T h _ w _ m _ n
t h _ _ g h t s h _ w _ _ l d n _ v _ r b _ _ b l _ t _ h _ v _ c h _ l
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t s h _ w _ _ l d b _ c h _ l d l _ s s f _ r _ v _ r _ f t _ r h _ r
m _ n _ p _ _ s _ s t _ r t _ d 2 5 y _ _ r s _ g _ . S h _ s _ _ d
n _ t h _ v _ n g c h _ l d r _ n c _ _ s _ d h _ r p _ _ n _ s p _ _ p
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth.html>

is there an age at which it is too old to have a baby a 73yearold woman in india has given birth to twins the woman said that becoming a mother for the first time was the happiest time of her life the mother needed a caesarean section operation to deliver the twins the mother and her two twin girls are all in good health and the mother is recovering well after the surgery the woman thought she would never be able to have children she and her husband first tried to have a child fifty years ago all their attempts were unsuccessful the woman thought she would be childless forever after her menopause started 25 years ago she said not having children caused her pain as people called her the childless lady

the woman was able to give birth because of the method of ivf a healthy egg was taken from a younger woman and was fertilized with her husbands sperm the woman then carried the fertilized egg and she became pregnant she said that when she found out she was having twins she could not describe her happiness she said this is the happiest time of my life the new mothers doctors are also happy with their patient one doctor said during the ivf treatment we had three groups of doctors one took care of her general health one took care of her nutritional status and one took care of her pregnancy the doctor said she was always in very good hands.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GIVING BIRTH: Make a poster about giving birth. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AGE LIMIT: Write a magazine article about an age limit for people to become parents. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on giving birth. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the ages at which people can become parents. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. operation | a. surgery |
| 2. recovering | b. getting better |
| 3. attempts | c. tries |
| 4. forever | d. for all time |
| 5. pain | e. suffering |
| 6. method | f. procedure |
| 7. describe | g. tell of |
| 8. during | h. throughout |
| 9. took care of | i. looked after |
| 10. status | j. condition |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Giving birth
2. A caesarean
3. Good health
4. Fifty years ago
5. The childless lady
6. IVF
7. From a younger woman
8. Her happiness
9. Three
10. In good hands

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Becoming a mother for the first time.
2. The mother needed a caesarean section operation.
3. The mother is recovering well after the surgery.
4. The woman thought she would be childless forever.
5. She said not having children caused her pain.
6. Healthy eggs was taken from a younger woman
7. When she found out she was having twins.
8. The new mother's doctors are also happy.
9. One took care of her general health.
10. She was always in very good hands.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)