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## **Palm surgery to change your future**

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# THE ARTICLE

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People in Japan are having surgery on their hands to change their future. The Japanese are big believers in palm reading. They spend a lot of money on visiting palm readers. A cheaper palm reading costs around \$70. Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms. They think some of the lines mean a part of their future will be bad. They are having an operation to change the length and shape of the lines because they hope this will give them a brighter future. The operation takes just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric scalpel to burn a line on the palm of the hand. It leaves a scar that takes a month to heal. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

There are many doctors who say changing the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot change your future because it isn't natural. Subodh Gupta, a palm reader from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and I was very surprised. Even by having surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added: "If you want to improve your fortune, take physical actions. So if you want greater health, do some exercise." However, people who have had the surgery say it has changed their life. A Tokyo surgeon said he gave a female patient a wedding line and she got married soon after. He said two other patients won the lottery after he made their fortune line longer.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2363917/Palm-surgery-rise-Japan-people-seek-alter-lines-improve-fortune.html>  
<http://www.medicaldaily.com/articles/17451/20130716/japanese-palm-surgeries-fortune-fate-japan-trend.htm>

# WARM-UPS

**1. PALM READING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about palm reading. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*surgery / hands / palm reading / a brighter future / scalpel / a scar / heal / happiness / doctors / natural / surprised / improve / exercise / wedding / won the lottery / fortune*

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

**3. CHANGE:** What do you want to change? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	How is it now?	Changes?	Why?
Love			
Work			
English			
My town			
The world			
My looks			

**4. PALM READING:** Students A **strongly** believe palm reading works; Students B **strongly** believe it's rubbish. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. THE FUTURE:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones that can tell our future at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- palm reading
- computers
- holy books
- Nostradamus
- crystal balls
- statistics
- priests
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. SURGERY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'surgery'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. People are having operations on their hands to change their life.     | T / F |
| b. An expensive palm reading costs about \$70.                           | T / F |
| c. People are changing the length but not the shape of their palm lines. | T / F |
| d. The lines from the surgery take four weeks to heal.                   | T / F |
| e. Doctors and a palm reader don't think the surgery can work.           | T / F |
| f. A palm reader said only taking action can change your future.         | T / F |
| g. A surgeon said none of the lives of any of his patients have changed. | T / F |
| h. Two people bought lottery tickets but didn't win the lottery.         | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. surgery    | a. better       |
| 2. brighter   | b. scooped      |
| 3. just       | c. resembles    |
| 4. heal       | d. get results  |
| 5. looks like | e. doctor       |
| 6. work       | f. boost        |
| 7. natural    | g. an operation |
| 8. improve    | h. normal       |
| 9. surgeon    | i. only         |
| 10. won       | j. recover      |

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

- |                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. having surgery on their hands   | a. a brighter future        |
| 2. big believers                   | b. fortune                  |
| 3. they hope this will give them   | c. to heal                  |
| 4. It leaves                       | d. because it isn't natural |
| 5. takes a month                   | e. in palm reading          |
| 6. it cannot change your future    | f. lottery                  |
| 7. I read about this surgery and I | g. to change their future   |
| 8. improve your                    | h. do some exercise         |
| 9. if you want greater health,     | i. a scar                   |
| 10. won the                        | j. was very surprised       |

# GAP FILL

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

People in Japan are having (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on their hands to change their future. The Japanese are big (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in palm reading. They spend a lot of money on visiting palm readers. A cheaper palm reading costs (3) \_\_\_\_\_ \$70. Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms. They think some of the lines mean a part of their future will be bad. They are having an operation to change the length and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the lines because they hope this will give them a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ future. The operation takes just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to burn a line on the palm of the hand. It leaves a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that takes a month to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

*scalpel*  
*shape*  
*scar*  
*believers*  
*heal*  
*surgery*  
*brighter*  
*around*

There are many doctors who say (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot change your future because it isn't (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Subodh Gupta, a palm (11) \_\_\_\_\_ from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and I was very surprised. Even by having surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added: "If you want to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ your fortune, take physical actions. So if you want greater health, do some (13) \_\_\_\_\_." However, people who have had the surgery say it has changed their life. A Tokyo (14) \_\_\_\_\_ said he gave a female (15) \_\_\_\_\_ a wedding line and she got married soon after. He said two other patients won the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ after he made their fortune line longer.

*improve*  
*patient*  
*reader*  
*lottery*  
*changing*  
*surgeon*  
*natural*  
*exercise*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) having surgery on their hands to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. charge their future
  - b. change the future
  - c. change their future
  - d. change their futures
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ reading costs around \$70
  - a. A cheapest palm
  - b. A cheapo palm
  - c. A cheaper palm
  - d. A cheaper palm
- 3) change the length and shape of the lines because they hope this will give them \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a bright air future
  - b. a brighter future
  - c. the brighter future
  - d. a brightly future
- 4) The doctor uses an electric scalpel to \_\_\_\_\_ the palm
  - a. burnt a line on
  - b. burn a line on
  - c. burns a line on
  - d. burning a line on
- 5) It leaves a scar that takes a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. month to heal
  - b. month to feel
  - c. month to heel
  - d. month to heals
- 6) They say it cannot change your future because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it isn't natural
  - b. it isn't unnatural
  - c. it isn't naturally
  - d. it isn't naturals
- 7) I read about this surgery and I \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was very surprising
  - b. was very surprised
  - c. was very unsurprised
  - d. was very unsurprising
- 8) So if you want greater health, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. do some exercise
  - b. do sum exercise
  - c. do same exercise
  - d. do seem exercise
- 9) he gave a female patient a wedding line and she got \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. married soon after
  - b. married soon then
  - c. married soonish after
  - d. marriage soon after
- 10) He said two other patients \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. won a lottery
  - b. won the lottery
  - c. won this lottery
  - d. won them lottery

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

People in Japan are having surgery (1) \_\_\_\_\_ change their future. The Japanese are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ palm reading. They spend a lot of money on visiting palm readers. A cheaper palm reading costs around \$70. Many people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ lines on their palms. They think some of the lines mean (4) \_\_\_\_\_ future will be bad. They are having an operation to change the length and shape of the lines because they hope this will give them (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The operation takes just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric scalpel (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the palm of the hand. It leaves a scar that takes a month to heal. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

There are many doctors who say changing the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot change your future (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Subodh Gupta, a palm reader from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and I (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Even by having surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added: "If (9) \_\_\_\_\_ your fortune, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. So if you want greater health, do some exercise." However, people who have had the surgery say it has changed their life. A Tokyo surgeon said he (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a wedding line and she got married soon after. He said two other patients (12) \_\_\_\_\_ after he made their fortune line longer.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

1. What do many Japanese people believe in?

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2. What do Japanese people spend lot of money on?

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3. What are people unhappy about?

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4. How long does the operation take?

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5. What takes four weeks to heal?

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6. Why do some people say it doesn't work?

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7. How did a London palm reader feel about palm surgery?

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8. What did a palm reader suggest to become healthier?

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9. What happened after a woman got a new wedding palm line?

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10. What did a surgeon do for two patients to win money?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

1. What do many Japanese people believe in?
  - a) palm reading
  - b) love at first sight
  - c) God
  - d) themselves
2. What do Japanese people spend lot of money on?
  - a) operations
  - b) their hands
  - c) palm readers
  - d) believing
3. What are people unhappy about?
  - a) the future
  - b) lines on their palms
  - c) palm readers
  - d) themselves
4. How long does the operation take?
  - a) about an hour
  - b) 45 minutes
  - c) 25 minutes
  - d) 15 minutes
5. What takes four weeks to heal?
  - a) the scar
  - b) the memory
  - c) the spirit
  - d) the pain
6. Why do some people say it doesn't work?
  - a) it's rubbish
  - b) we cannot change our destiny
  - c) they tried it
  - d) it isn't natural
7. How did a London palm reader feel about palm surgery?
  - a) hurt
  - b) surprised
  - c) amused
  - d) shocked
8. What did a palm reader suggest to become healthier?
  - a) look after your palms
  - b) eat good food
  - c) read more
  - d) exercise
9. What happened after a woman got a new wedding palm line?
  - a) her wedding was cancelled
  - b) she got divorced
  - c) she got married
  - d) she got a job as a wedding arranger
10. What did a surgeon do for two patients to win money?
  - a) bought them lottery tickets
  - b) gave them a longer fortune line
  - c) gave them advice
  - d) told them to be palm readers

# ROLE PLAY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

## **Role A – Palm surgeon**

You are totally sure that palm surgery can change people's life. Tell the others three reasons why. People who say palm reading is rubbish do not know what they are talking about. They do not understand the power of palm reading. Tell them about it. Ask them to have an operation.

## **Role B – Palm reader**

Palm reading works. Tell the others three reasons why. Palm surgery doesn't work. Tell the others three reasons why. You think palm surgery is a way to get a lot of money from people who want to change their lives. You think palm surgeons are not honest. They know it doesn't work.

## **Role C – Happy patient**

You had palm surgery twice. You know it works. Tell the others three reasons why. You had your fortune line changed and you became rich. Then you had your wedding line changed and married the perfect partner. You are sure you would not be happy now without the operations.

## **Role D – Unhappy patient**

You've had palm surgery 20 times. You hate it. Tell the others three reasons why. Before your operations, you were rich, married to a wonderful person, and very happy. Now you are poor, divorced and miserable. You spent all your money on operations and your partner divorced you.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>palm</b>	<b>read</b>
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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"><li>• having</li><li>• spend</li><li>• part</li><li>• brighter</li><li>• takes</li><li>• looks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• work</li><li>• natural</li><li>• surprised</li><li>• improve</li><li>• however</li><li>• won</li></ul>
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# PALM READING SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

Write five GOOD questions about palm reading 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.

## **PALM READING DISCUSSION**

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'palm reading'?
- c) Do you believe in palm reading?
- d) What do you know about the lines on your palm?
- e) Is there anything that can tell us about our future?
- f) What do you think about palm surgery?
- g) How could it be that new lines on your palm will change your life?
- h) What do you want to know about your future?
- i) If you changed part of your future, what would you change?
- j) What do you think of the \$1,000 cost of palm surgery?

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## **PALM READING DISCUSSION**

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think palm surgery will become popular around the world?
- c) What do people do in your country to find out about their future?
- d) Do you want to know about your future?
- e) What do you think of the advice of the palm reader in the article?
- f) What do you think of people who say palm surgery changed their life?
- g) Do you believe in fate?
- h) Do you think men or women visit palm readers most? Why?
- i) What advice would you give someone about to have palm surgery?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a palm surgeon?

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |                  |              |              |              |
|-----|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) doing        | (b) cutting  | (c) having   | (d) being    |
| 2.  | (a) believers    | (b) beliefs  | (c) believes | (d) believs  |
| 3.  | (a) nasty        | (b) mean     | (c) define   | (d) tight    |
| 4.  | (a) tighter      | (b) whiter   | (c) writer   | (d) brighter |
| 5.  | (a) paint        | (b) dig      | (c) burn     | (d) beat     |
| 6.  | (a) feel         | (b) heal     | (c) heel     | (d) fail     |
| 7.  | (a) changing     | (b) changes  | (c) changed  | (d) change   |
| 8.  | (a) thinks       | (b) says     | (c) thinks   | (d) agrees   |
| 9.  | (a) that         | (b) so       | (c) by       | (d) at       |
| 10. | (a) disprove     | (b) improve  | (c) reprove  | (d) prove    |
| 11. | (a) psychologist | (b) surgeon  | (c) analyst  | (d) dentist  |
| 12. | (a) won          | (b) achieved | (c) earned   | (d) obtained |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. big everbils in palm reading
2. change the lenhtg and shape of the lines
3. a birtrgeh future
4. The ortpaoine takes just 15 minutes
5. The doctor uses an cecrietl scalpel
6. snhppisea line

## Paragraph 2

7. it isn't aulrtna
8. I was very rrsidsupe
9. If you want to pomervi
10. do some secereix
11. A Tokyo noeursg
12. he made their tonrufe line longer

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm\\_reading.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130719-palm_reading.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) costs around \$70. Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms. They think some of the lines
- ( ) mean a part of their future will be bad. They are having an operation to change the length and shape
- ( ) life. A Tokyo surgeon said he gave a female patient a wedding line and she got married soon
- ( ) I was very surprised. Even by having surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added:
- ( ) exercise." However, people who have had the surgery say it has changed their
- ( ) "If you want to improve your fortune, take physical actions. So if you want greater health, do some
- ( ) just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric scalpel to burn a line on the palm of the hand. It leaves a
- ( **1** ) People in Japan are having surgery on their hands to change their future. The Japanese are big
- ( ) There are many doctors who say changing the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot change your future
- ( ) of the lines because they hope this will give them a brighter future. The operation takes
- ( ) believers in palm reading. They spend a lot of money on visiting palm readers. A cheaper palm reading
- ( ) after. He said two other patients won the lottery after he made their fortune line longer.
- ( ) because it isn't natural. Subodh Gupta, a palm reader from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and
- ( ) scar that takes a month to heal. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. hands in having their People are on Japan surgery.

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2. believers The in Japanese palm are reading big.

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3. money on visiting palm readers They spend a lot of.

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4. the change to operation An lines the of shape and length.

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5. a scar that takes a month to heal It leaves.

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6. work on the does your lines not palm Changing.

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7. your it change because natural cannot future isn't It.

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8. surgery and I was very surprised I read about this.

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9. do some exercise So if you want greater health ,.

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10. two lottery other patients He won said the.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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People in Japan are having *surgeon* / *surgery* on their hands to change their future. The Japanese are big *believers* / *beliefs* in palm reading. They spend a lot of money *on* / *at* visiting palm readers. A cheaper palm reading costs around \$70. Many people are unhappy *but* / *with* the lines on their palms. They think some of the lines mean a *partner* / *part* of their future will be bad. They are having an *operational* / *operation* to change the length and shape of the lines because they hope this will give them a *brighten* / *brighter* future. The operation *takes* / *taking* just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric scalpel to *burn* / *burnt* a line on the palm of the hand. It leaves a scar that takes a month to *heel* / *heal*. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

There are many doctors who say *challenging* / *changing* the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot *change* / *charge* your future because it isn't *naturally* / *natural*. Subodh Gupta, a palm reader from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and I was very *surprising* / *surprised*. Even by *having* / *had* surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added: "If you want to improve your *fortunately* / *fortune*, take physical actions. So if you want *greater* / *greatness* health, do some exercise." However, people who have had the surgery *says* / *say* it has changed their life. A Tokyo surgeon said he gave a female *patience* / *patient* a wedding line and she got married soon after. He said two other patients *won* / *win* the lottery after he made their fortune line longer.

**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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P\_\_pl\_ \_n J\_p\_n \_r\_ h\_v\_ng s\_rg\_ry \_n th\_\_r h\_nds t\_ ch\_ng\_ th\_\_r f\_t\_r\_. Th\_ J\_p\_n\_s\_ \_r\_ b\_g b\_l\_\_v\_rs \_n p\_lm r\_\_d\_ng. Th\_y sp\_nd \_ l\_t \_f m\_n\_y \_n v\_s\_t\_ng p\_lm r\_\_d\_rs. \_ ch\_\_p\_r p\_lm r\_\_d\_ng c\_sts \_r\_\_nd \$70. M\_ny p\_\_pl\_ \_r\_ \_nh\_ppy w\_th th\_ l\_n\_s \_n th\_\_r p\_lms. Th\_y th\_nk s\_m\_ \_f th\_ l\_n\_s m\_\_n \_p\_rt \_f th\_\_r f\_t\_r\_ w\_ll b\_ b\_d. Th\_y \_r\_ h\_v\_ng \_n \_p\_r\_t\_\_n t\_ ch\_ng\_ th\_ l\_n\_gth \_nd sh\_p\_ \_f th\_ l\_n\_s b\_c\_\_s\_ th\_y h\_p\_ th\_s w\_ll g\_v\_ th\_m \_ br\_ght\_r f\_t\_r\_. Th\_ \_p\_r\_t\_\_n t\_k\_s j\_st 15 m\_n\_t\_s \_nd c\_sts \_b\_\_t \$1,000. Th\_ d\_ct\_r \_s\_s \_n \_l\_ctr\_c sc\_lp\_l\_t\_ b\_rn \_l\_n\_ \_n th\_ p\_lm \_f th\_ h\_nd. \_t l\_\_v\_s \_ sc\_r th\_t t\_k\_s \_ m\_nth t\_ h\_\_l. Th\_ l\_n\_ l\_k\_s l\_k\_ \_m\_n\_y-l\_ck l\_n\_, h\_pp\_n\_ss l\_n\_ \_r l\_v\_ l\_n\_.

Th\_r\_ \_r\_ m\_ny d\_ct\_rs wh\_ s\_y ch\_ng\_ng th\_ l\_n\_s \_n y\_\_r p\_lm d\_\_s n\_t w\_rk. Th\_y s\_y \_t c\_nn\_t ch\_ng\_ y\_\_r f\_t\_r\_ b\_c\_\_s\_ \_t \_sn't n\_t\_r\_l. S\_b\_dh G\_pt\_, \_p\_lm r\_\_d\_r fr\_m L\_nd\_n, \_gr\_\_s. H\_ s\_\_d: "\_r\_\_d \_b\_\_t th\_s s\_rg\_ry \_nd \_w\_s v\_ry s\_rpr\_s\_d. \_v\_n by h\_v\_ng s\_rg\_ry, th\_ l\_n\_s c\_nn\_t b\_ ch\_ng\_d." H\_ \_dd\_d: "\_f y\_\_ w\_nt t\_ \_mpr\_v\_ y\_\_r f\_r\_t\_n\_, t\_k\_ phys\_c\_l \_ct\_\_ns. S\_ \_f y\_\_ w\_nt gr\_\_t\_r h\_\_lth, d\_s\_m\_ \_x\_rc\_s\_." H\_w\_v\_r, p\_\_pl\_ wh\_ h\_v\_ h\_d th\_ s\_rg\_ry s\_y \_t h\_s ch\_ng\_d th\_\_r l\_f\_. \_ T\_ky\_ s\_rg\_\_n s\_\_d h\_ g\_v\_ \_f\_m\_l\_ p\_t\_\_nt \_w\_dd\_ng l\_n\_ \_nd sh\_ g\_t m\_rr\_\_d s\_\_n \_ft\_r. H\_ s\_\_d tw\_ \_th\_r p\_t\_\_nts w\_n th\_ l\_tt\_ry \_ft\_r h\_ m\_d\_ th\_\_r f\_r\_t\_n\_ l\_n\_ l\_n\_g\_r.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**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 palm reading. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PALM READING:** Make a poster about palm reading. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PALM SURGERY:** Write a magazine article about palm surgery. Include imaginary interviews with people who think it works and people who think it doesn't work.

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 a palm surgeon. Ask him/her three questions about palm surgery. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. surgery    | a. better       |
| 2. brighter   | b. scooped      |
| 3. just       | c. resembles    |
| 4. heal       | d. get results  |
| 5. looks like | e. doctor       |
| 6. work       | f. boost        |
| 7. natural    | g. an operation |
| 8. improve    | h. normal       |
| 9. surgeon    | i. only         |
| 10. won       | j. recover      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Palm reading
2. Visiting palm readers
3. The lines on their hands
4. 15 minutes
5. The scar
6. It isn't natural
7. Surprised
8. Exercise
9. She got married
10. He gave them a longer fortune line

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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