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## **Level 1**

# **Hot drinks biggest cause of kids' burns**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140210-burns-1.html>

Hot drinks are the biggest causes of burns in children. New research says parents must be more aware of the dangers of everyday things in the home. The most dangerous time for babies to burn themselves is from nine months. This is when babies begin crawling, walking and exploring. Babies do not know what is dangerous, so they touch everything. A researcher said parents may not know how high their baby can reach.

The researchers looked at data about burns from different U.K. hospitals. Almost 75 per cent of children burnt were under five. Most burn injuries happened to one-year-olds. Most of the burns were from hot drinks. A hot drink can burn a baby, even 15 minutes after making it. A baby's skin is thinner than an adult's skin, so it is easier to burn. Parents need to think carefully about where they keep hot objects. They must be out of reach of small children.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26014708>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/feb/04/hot-drinks-hair-straighteners-children-burns>  
<http://www.webmd.boots.com/children/news/20140204/hot-drinks-child-burns-scalds>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140210-burns-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. parents must be more      | a. is dangerous |
| 2. everyday things           | b. everything   |
| 3. The most dangerous        | c. can reach    |
| 4. This is when babies begin | d. in the home  |
| 5. Babies do not know what   | e. time         |
| 6. they touch                | f. not know     |
| 7. parents may               | g. aware        |
| 8. how high their baby       | h. crawling     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The researchers looked at data | a. hospitals         |
| 2. different U.K.                 | b. think carefully   |
| 3. Most burn injuries happened    | c. about burns       |
| 4. Most of the burns were         | d. of small children |
| 5. A hot drink can                | e. from hot drinks   |
| 6. 15 minutes after               | f. to one-year-olds  |
| 7. Parents need to                | g. burn a baby       |
| 8. They must be out of reach      | h. making it         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140210-burns-1.html>

Hot drinks are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of burns in children. New research says parents must (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the dangers of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the home. The most dangerous time for babies to burn themselves is from nine months. This is when babies (4) \_\_\_\_\_, walking and exploring. Babies do not know (5) \_\_\_\_\_, so they touch everything. A researcher said parents may not know (6) \_\_\_\_\_ can reach.

The researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about burns from different U.K. hospitals. Almost 75 per cent of children burnt were under five. Most burn injuries happened (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Most of the burns were from hot drinks. A hot drink can burn a baby, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ making it. A baby's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ than an adult's skin, so it is easier to burn. Parents need (11) \_\_\_\_\_ about where they keep hot objects. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of small children.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140210-burns-1.html>

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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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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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