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## Level 6

### 72-year-old woman gives birth

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the birth of her first child. Daljinder Kaur and her husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, posed for photos for the Indian press last week, proudly holding their healthy baby boy Arman. The couple had been trying to have a baby for decades, without success. They had been under a lot of pressure during that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their fate and resigned themselves to a life without children, Daljinder and Mohinder persisted in their dream for a child. Daljinder started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Centre for IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became pregnant last year.

Specialists at the fertility clinic initially had reservations about offering Daljinder treatment because of her age. Dr Anurag Bishnoi told reporters: "I first tried to avoid the case because she was very weak, but then her medical reports were normal and she was fit to conceive." He added: "Our track record handling IVF in older women has been fairly good, but not everyone is fit to conceive. In her case, she looked visibly frail too, so I had to refer her to a cardiologist to get clearance for the procedure and for a battery of other tests." Meanwhile, Daljinder is over the moon about becoming a mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is complete." She is now the oldest woman ever to give birth.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CHILDBIRTH:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about childbirth. 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?

celebrating / birth / first child / posed / photos / decades / pressure / family / fate / fertility / reservations / treatment / conceive / cardiologist / procedure / battery

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 men and women having children; Students B **strongly** believe there shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. 72:** What are the pros and cons of a 72-year-old doing these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Having a baby		
Starting a business		
Travelling the world		
Learning a language		
Getting married		
Becoming a politician		

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

**6. CELEBRATING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to celebrate at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a new baby
- a sports team winning
- passing a driving test
- becoming fluent in English
- winning the lottery
- finding something you lost
- an A+ health check
- the weekend arriving

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

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

- a. A woman has had her thirtieth child, aged 72. **T / F**
- b. The woman had been trying to have a baby for five years. **T / F**
- c. The woman was under pressure from her family to start a family. **T / F**
- d. The woman became pregnant naturally, without doctors' help. **T / F**
- e. A clinic did not want to help her at first. **T / F**
- f. The woman's medical reports were not too good. **T / F**
- g. The woman was referred to a cardiologist for tests. **T / F**
- h. The woman said she is happy and that her life is complete. **T / F**

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

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. celebrating | a. able             |
| 2. press       | b. destiny          |
| 3. couple      | c. kept at it       |
| 4. fate        | d. news media       |
| 5. persisted   | e. at first         |
| 6. initially   | f. fulfilled        |
| 7. fit         | g. commemorating    |
| 8. conceive    | h. permission       |
| 9. clearance   | i. get pregnant     |
| 10. complete   | j. husband and wife |

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

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. celebrating the              | a. clinic                   |
| 2. posed                        | b. a lot of pressure        |
| 3. They had been under          | c. of other tests           |
| 4. resigned themselves to a     | d. pregnant                 |
| 5. successfully became          | e. birth of her first child |
| 6. Specialists at the fertility | f. a cardiologist           |
| 7. Our track                    | g. moon                     |
| 8. I had to refer her to        | h. for photos               |
| 9. a battery                    | i. record                   |
| 10. Daljinder is over the       | j. life without children    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of her first child. Daljinder Kaur and her husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for photos for the Indian press last week, proudly holding their healthy baby boy Arman. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ had been trying to have a baby for decades, without (4) \_\_\_\_\_. They had been under a lot of pressure during that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and resigned themselves to a life without children, Daljinder and Mohinder persisted in their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for a child. Daljinder started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Centre for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ treatment in 2013 and successfully became (8) \_\_\_\_\_ last year.

*couple*

*birth*

*dream*

*posed*

*pregnant*

*fate*

*success*

*IVF*

Specialists at the fertility clinic (9) \_\_\_\_\_ had reservations about offering Daljinder treatment because of her age. Dr Anurag Bishnoi told reporters: "I first tried to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the case because she was very weak, but then her medical reports were normal and she was fit to (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "Our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ record handling IVF in older women has been fairly good, but not everyone is fit to conceive. In her case, she looked (13) \_\_\_\_\_ frail too, so I had to refer her to a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to get clearance for the procedure and for a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of other tests." Meanwhile, Daljinder is over the moon about becoming a mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is (16) \_\_\_\_\_." She is now the oldest woman ever to give birth.

*conceive*

*visibly*

*complete*

*initially*

*avoid*

*battery*

*track*

*cardiologist*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the \_\_\_\_\_ child
  - a. bath of her first
  - b. birth of her first
  - c. birth of her fast
  - d. births of her first
- 2) Daljinder Kaur and her husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. posted for photos
  - b. pasted for photos
  - c. posy for photos
  - d. posed for photos
- 3) The couple had been trying to have a baby for decades, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. within success
  - b. without success
  - c. without a success
  - d. without successful
- 4) most people would have accepted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their fete
  - b. their fight
  - c. their freight
  - d. their fate
- 5) IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pregnancy last year
  - b. pregnancies last year
  - c. pageants last year
  - d. pregnant last year
- 6) Specialists at the fertility clinic initially had reservations about offering \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Daljinder treat meant
  - b. Daljinder treat mint
  - c. Daljinder treatment
  - d. Daljinder treatments
- 7) I first tried to avoid the case because she was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. very week
  - b. very weak
  - c. very weaker
  - d. very weakly
- 8) then her medical reports were normal and she was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fit too conceive
  - b. flit to conceive
  - c. fit two conceive
  - d. fit to conceive
- 9) she looked visibly frail too, so I had to refer her \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to a radiologist
  - b. to a pharmacologist
  - c. to a zoologist
  - d. to a cardiologist
- 10) Meanwhile, Daljinder is over \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the noon
  - b. the mane
  - c. the moon
  - d. the sun

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

1. How many children did Daljinder already have before she gave birth?
2. How old is Daljinder Kaur's husband?
3. From whom was Daljinder Kaur under a lot of pressure?
4. What did the article say most childless couples would have accepted?
5. What kind of clinic did Daljinder start attending in 2013?
6. What did specialists at the clinic have reservations about?
7. How were Daljinder's medical reports?
8. How did a doctor say Daljinder looked?
9. What did Daljinder have a battery of?
10. What is Daljinder over?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

- 1) How many children did Daljinder already have before she gave birth?
  - a) 4
  - b) 0
  - c) 17
  - d) 29
- 2) How old is Daljinder Kaur's husband?
  - a) 99
  - b) 39
  - c) 59
  - d) 79
- 3) From whom was Daljinder Kaur under a lot of pressure?
  - a) her best friend
  - b) her husband
  - c) her family
  - d) her neighbours
- 4) What did the article say most childless couples would have accepted?
  - a) their fate
  - b) money
  - c) adoption
  - d) the truth
- 5) What kind of clinic did Daljinder start attending in 2013?
  - a) an ENT clinic
  - b) an IVF clinic
  - c) a BMI clinic
  - d) an MRI clinic
- 6) What did specialists at the clinic have reservations about?
  - a) Daljinder's age
  - b) a restaurant
  - c) flights to Delhi
  - d) their ability
- 7) How were Daljinder's medical reports?
  - a) dirty
  - b) old
  - c) normal
  - d) missing
- 8) How did a doctor say Daljinder looked?
  - a) frail
  - b) like a million rupees
  - c) like a mother
  - d) terrible
- 9) What did Daljinder have a battery of?
  - a) chickens
  - b) a Toyota Corolla
  - c) an iPhone
  - d) tests
- 10) What is Daljinder over?
  - a) being a mother
  - b) her husband
  - c) the moon
  - d) depression

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – A new baby**

You think a new baby is the best thing to celebrate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't worth celebrating as much. Also, tell the others which of these you would never celebrate (and why): passing your driving test, an A+ health check or the weekend arriving.

## **Role B – Passing your driving test**

You think passing your driving test is the best thing to celebrate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't worth celebrating as much. Also, tell the others which of these you would never celebrate (and why): a new baby, an A+ health check or the weekend arriving.

## **Role C – An A+ health check**

You think an A+ health check is the best thing to celebrate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't worth celebrating as much. Also, tell the others which of these you would never celebrate (and why): passing your driving test, a new baby or the weekend arriving.

## **Role D – The weekend arriving**

You think the weekend arriving is the best thing to celebrate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't worth celebrating as much. Also, tell the others which of these you would never celebrate (and why): passing your driving test, an A+ health check or a new baby.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

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

child	birth

- 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>• celebrating</li><li>• posed</li><li>• success</li><li>• pressure</li><li>• dream</li><li>• last</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• offering</li><li>• weak</li><li>• track</li><li>• too</li><li>• battery</li><li>• ever</li></ul>
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# CHILDBIRTH SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

Write five GOOD questions about childbirth 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.

# CHILDBIRTH DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'fertility'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How old is too old to have a baby?
5. What do you think of IVF?
6. How different an upbringing will the baby have?
7. How would women in their 70s having babies change the world in the future?
8. Why do families pressure children to have a baby?
9. Should childless couples accept they cannot have children?
10. What advice do you have for Daljinder?

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# CHILDBIRTH DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do fertility clinics do?
13. Do fertility clinics add to overpopulation?
14. Which is better – a baby boy or girl? Why?
15. How much of a risk is it for a 72-year-old to have a baby?
16. How much happiness do babies bring people?
17. What's the oldest you would consider having a baby at?
18. Is there a perfect age to have a baby?
19. What problems might Daljinder have raising her baby?
20. What questions would you like to ask Daljinder?

# 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

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

- |     |                 |                  |                |               |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) birth right | (b) berth        | (c) birthing   | (d) birth     |
| 2.  | (a) poached     | (b) prose        | (c) posted     | (d) posed     |
| 3.  | (a) pride       | (b) proudly      | (c) prod       | (d) prodding  |
| 4.  | (a) decadence   | (b) decanters    | (c) decades    | (d) decals    |
| 5.  | (a) quit        | (b) stopped      | (c) resigned   | (d) abstained |
| 6.  | (a) attending   | (b) attendant    | (c) attendance | (d) attend    |
| 7.  | (a) quotes      | (b) reservations | (c) bookings   | (d) tickets   |
| 8.  | (a) case        | (b) folder       | (c) file       | (d) bag       |
| 9.  | (a) trick       | (b) track        | (c) truck      | (d) tacky     |
| 10. | (a) frilly      | (b) fail         | (c) frail      | (d) full      |
| 11. | (a) from        | (b) for          | (c) of         | (d) off       |
| 12. | (a) over        | (b) every        | (c) even       | (d) ever      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. bernchtagie the birth of her first child
2. dpoes for photos for the Indian press
3. trying to have a baby for adeedsc
4. under a lot of repusser
5. iedsgenr themselves to a life without children
6. eiresdpst in their dream for a child

## Paragraph 2

7. rietiyft clinic
8. liilnatiy had reservations
9. she was fit to oecnevic
10. I had to refer her to a gitrioclosad
11. get clearance for the urdeecorp
12. a tetaryb of other tests

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

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

- ( ) child. Daljinder started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Centre
- ( ) a lot of pressure during that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their
- ( ) husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, posed for photos for the Indian press last week, proudly holding their healthy baby
- ( ) age. Dr Anurag Bishnoi told reporters: "I first tried to avoid the case because she was very weak, but then her medical
- ( ) tests." Meanwhile, Daljinder is over the moon about becoming a
- ( ) for IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became pregnant last year.
- ( ) women has been fairly good, but not everyone is fit to conceive. In her case, she looked visibly
- ( **1** ) A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the birth of her first child. Daljinder Kaur and her
- ( ) Specialists at the fertility clinic initially had reservations about offering Daljinder treatment because of her
- ( ) mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is complete." She is now the oldest woman ever to give birth.
- ( ) frail too, so I had to refer her to a cardiologist to get clearance for the procedure and for a battery of other
- ( ) fate and resigned themselves to a life without children, Daljinder and Mohinder persisted in their dream for a
- ( ) reports were normal and she was fit to conceive." He added: "Our track record handling IVF in older
- ( ) boy Arman. The couple had been trying to have a baby for decades, without success. They had been under

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

1. year A India from - 72 is Amritsar old - celebrating , woman .
2. photos last for week the Posed Indian for press .
3. a baby for decades The couple had been trying to have .
4. a lot of pressure during that time They had been under .
5. would accepted fate people have their Most .
6. the at Specialists reservations had initially clinic fertility .
7. case the avoid to tried first I weak very was she because .
8. IVF handling record track Our women older in .
9. refer her to a cardiologist to get clearance I had to .
10. now woman give is oldest to She the ever birth .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the *born / birth* of her first child. Daljinder Kaur and her husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, *posed / posted* for photos for the Indian *pressed / press* last week, *proud / proudly* holding their healthy baby boy Arman. The couple had been trying to have a baby for *decade / decades*, without success. They had been under a lot *of / for* pressure *during / while* that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their *fate / fete* and resigned themselves to a life without children, Daljinder and Mohinder *persisted / consisted* in their dream for a child. Daljinder started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Centre for IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became *pregnant / pregnancy* last year.

Specialists at the *fertility / fertile* clinic initially had reservations about offering Daljinder treatment because of her *old / age*. Dr Anurag Bishnoi told reporters: "I first tried to *evade / avoid* the case because she was very weak, but then her medical reports were *normally / normal* and she was fit to *concept / conceive*." He added: "Our *trick / track* record handling IVF in older women has been fairly good, but not everyone is fit to conceive. In her *case / suit*, she looked visibly frail too, so I had to refer her to a *cardiology / cardiologist* to get clearance for the procedure and for a battery of other tests." Meanwhile, Daljinder is over the *moon / sun* about becoming a mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is complete." She is now the oldest woman ever to give *birth / born*.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160515-childbirth.html>

72-year-old woman from Mrs. T, and a celebration of her first child. D. J. and K. and her husband M. and S. Singh Gill, 79, passed for photos for the and a press list work, proudly holding their healthy baby boy. The couple had been trying to have a baby for decades, with that success. They had been and a lot of pressure during that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their fate and resigned themselves to life without children, D. J. and M. and K. persisted in their dream for a child. D. J. and K. started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Center for IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became pregnant last year.

Specialists at the fertility clinic eventually had reservations about offering D. J. and K. treatment because of her age. Dr. N. R. G. B. Shn. told reporters: "I first tried to avoid the success she was very work, but then her medical reports were normal and she was fit to conceive." He added: "I tracked her condition handling IVF in order woman has been fairly good, but not very successful to conceive. In her case, she looked visibly frail, so she had to refrain from carrying a pregnancy to get clearance for the procedure and for a better way for her tests." Meanwhile, D. J. and K. saw their mother-in-law about becoming a mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is complete." She is now the oldest woman ever to give birth.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a 72-year-old woman from amritsar india is celebrating the birth of her first child daljinder kaur and her husband mohinder singh gill 79 posed for photos for the indian press last week proudly holding their healthy baby boy arman the couple had been trying to have a baby for decades without success they had been under a lot of pressure during that time to start a family while most people would have accepted their fate and resigned themselves to a life without children daljinder and mohinder persisted in their dream for a child daljinder started attending the national fertility and test tube baby centre for ivf treatment in 2013 and successfully became pregnant last year specialists at the fertility clinic initially had reservations about offering daljinder treatment because of her age dr anurag bishnoi told reporters "i first tried to avoid the case because she was very weak but then her medical reports were normal and she was fit to conceive" he added "our track record handling ivf in older women has been fairly good but not everyone is fit to conceive in her case she looked visibly frail too so i had to refer her to a cardiologist to get clearance for the procedure and for a battery of other tests" meanwhile daljinder is over the moon about becoming a mother she said "i can live happily now my life is complete" she is now the oldest woman ever to give birth

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A 72-year-old woman from Amritsar, India is celebrating the birth of her first child. Daljinder Kaur and her husband Mohinder Singh Gill, 79, posed for photos for the Indian press last week, proudly holding their healthy baby boy Arman. The couple had been trying to have a baby for decades, without success. They had been under a lot of pressure during that time to start a family. While most people would have accepted their fate and resigned themselves to a life without children, Daljinder and Mohinder persisted in their dream for a child. Daljinder started attending the National Fertility and Test Tube Baby Centre for IVF treatment in 2013 and successfully became pregnant last year. Specialists at the fertility clinic initially had reservations about offering Daljinder treatment because of her age. Dr Anurag Bishnoi told reporters: "I first tried to avoid the case because she was very weak, but then her medical reports were normal and she was fit to conceive." He added: "Our track record handling IVF in older women has been fairly good, but not everyone is fit to conceive. In her case, she looked visibly frail too, so I had to refer her to a cardiologist to get clearance for the procedure and for a battery of other tests." Meanwhile, Daljinder is over the moon about becoming a mother. She said: "I can live happily now. My life is complete." She is now the oldest woman ever to give birth.





# 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 childbirth. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. 70 SOMETHINGS:** Write a magazine article about women in their 70s having children. 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 childbirth. Ask him/her three questions about IVF. Give him/her three of your ideas on older women having children. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. celebrating | a. commemorating    |
| 2. press       | b. news media       |
| 3. couple      | c. husband and wife |
| 4. fate        | d. destiny          |
| 5. persisted   | e. kept at it       |
| 6. initially   | f. at first         |
| 7. fit         | g. able             |
| 8. conceive    | h. get pregnant     |
| 9. clearance   | i. permission       |
| 10. complete   | j. fulfilled        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. None
2. 79
3. Her family
4. Their fate
5. An IVF clinic
6. Daljinder's age
7. Normal
8. Visibly frail
9. Tests
10. The moon

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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