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Doctors say hospitals should ban perfumes

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THE READING

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Doctors have called for a ban on perfumes and aftershaves in hospitals and clinics. They say they contain chemicals that can lead to asthma and allergies. Over half of asthma attacks are caused by strong smells, such as perfumes, aftershaves, cigarette smoke, cleaning fluids and other strong odours. Dr Ken Flegel and Dr James Martin of McGill University wrote about the dangers of smells in hospitals. They said: "Hospital environments free from artificial scents should become a uniform policy, promoting the safety of patients, staff and visitors alike."

Strong smells affect many of us. Around a third of people say they are physically affected by scents. The doctors said this should be a serious concern in all hospitals. They wrote that although artificial scents try to make us more attractive, they may harm people who have weaker bodies. There is more and more evidence that artificial scents make asthma worse. The doctors said this is particularly worrying in hospitals where there are many patients with asthma or skin problems. They warn that perfumes and aftershaves can make a patient's condition worse.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/news/11912457/Perfumes-and-aftershaves-should-be-banned-from-hospitals.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3260722/Ban-perfume-aftershave-hospitals-Doctors-complain-artificial-fragrances-triggering-patient-asthma-attacks-allergies.html>
<http://www.webmd.boots.com/allergies/news/20151005/call-to-ban-scents-in-hospitals>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Doctors have called | a. from artificial scents |
| 2. they contain chemicals that | b. other strong odours |
| 3. asthma | c. for a ban |
| 4. cleaning fluids and | d. alike |
| 5. wrote about the dangers of | e. can lead to asthma |
| 6. Hospital environments free | f. policy |
| 7. become a uniform | g. smells in hospitals |
| 8. the safety of patients, staff and visitors | h. attacks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Strong smells affect | a. attractive |
| 2. Around a third | b. worrying in hospitals |
| 3. physically affected | c. concern |
| 4. a serious | d. by scents |
| 5. make us more | e. many of us |
| 6. harm people who have | f. condition worse |
| 7. this is particularly | g. weaker bodies |
| 8. make a patient's | h. of people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Doctors have (1) _____ perfumes and aftershaves in hospitals and clinics. They (2) _____ chemicals that can lead to asthma and allergies. (3) _____ asthma attacks are caused by strong smells, such as perfumes, aftershaves, cigarette smoke, cleaning fluids and (4) _____. Dr Ken Flegel and Dr James Martin of McGill University wrote about the (5) _____ in hospitals. They said: "Hospital environments free from artificial scents should become (6) _____, promoting the safety of patients, staff and visitors alike."

Strong smells (7) _____. Around a third of people say they are physically affected by scents. The doctors said this should be a (8) _____ hospitals. They wrote that although artificial scents try to make (9) _____, they may harm people who have weaker bodies. There is more (10) _____ that artificial scents make asthma worse. The doctors said this is particularly worrying in hospitals (11) _____ many patients with asthma or skin problems. They warn that perfumes and aftershaves can make a patient's (12) _____.

PERFUME SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about perfume 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

