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Level 0 – 12th July, 2019

Amazon Alexa to answer questions on health

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We can now ask Amazon's Alexa about our health. Alexa is a virtual assistant. It listens to and answers questions. It can talk to people and tell them the latest news. Now it can give health advice. Amazon worked with the UK's health service to use its health database. Alexa will give answers from the advice of doctors.

The UK said it is great we can get advice from Alexa at home. This will really help busy doctors. The UK wants patients to have more control of their health. Not everyone likes this. Some people say we should not ask Alexa for health advice. We should see a doctor if we are sick. Other people are worried about hacking and privacy.

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/9473561/amazon-alexa-health-queries-nhs/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48925345>
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/jul/10/nhs-teams-up-with-amazon-to-bring-alexa-to-patients>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ask Amazon's Alexa | a. talk to people |
| 2. Alexa is a virtual | b. UK's health service |
| 3. It listens to and | c. about our health |
| 4. It can | d. health advice |
| 5. tell them the | e. doctors |
| 6. Now it can give | f. latest news |
| 7. Amazon worked with the | g. assistant |
| 8. the advice of | h. answers questions |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. it is great we can | a. busy doctors |
| 2. This will really help | b. worried |
| 3. have more control | c. for health advice |
| 4. Not everyone | d. and privacy |
| 5. we should not ask Alexa | e. of their health |
| 6. We should see a doctor | f. get advice |
| 7. Other people are | g. if we are sick |
| 8. hacking | h. likes this |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We (1) _____ Amazon's Alexa about our health.

Alexa is (2) _____. It listens to and answers

questions. It (3) _____ people and tell them the

latest news. Now it (4) _____ advice. Amazon

worked with the UK's health service (5) _____

health database. Alexa (6) _____ from the advice

of doctors.

The UK said it (7) _____ can get advice from

Alexa at home. This (8) _____ busy doctors. The

UK wants patients (9) _____ control of their

health. Not (10) _____. Some people say we

should not ask Alexa (11) _____. We should see a

doctor if we are sick. Other people are worried about

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ome.Thiswillreallyhelpbusydoctors.TheUKwantspatientstohavemor
econtroloftheirhealth.Noteveryonelikesthis.Somepeoplesayweshou
ldnotaskAlexaforhealthadvice.Weshouldseeadoctorifwearesick.Oth
erpeopleareworriedabout hackingandprivacy.

HEALTHCARE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about healthcare 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **healthcare** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
