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Man gets first ever pig-heart transplant

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Doctors have transplanted a pig's heart into a man for the very first time. Doctors in the USA say David Bennett, 57, is doing well after his operation. Mr Bennett was very ill. Giving him the pig's heart was his only chance of staying alive. Bennett spoke to doctors the day before the operation. He said: "It was either die or do this transplant. I want to live. I know it's a shot in the dark, but it's my last choice." The pig's heart came from a genetically-modified pig. Scientists changed the pig's genes so its heart would be able to function in a human.

The transplant took seven hours. Doctors needed permission from U.S. authorities for the surgery. Scientists have been researching pig-organ transplants for many years. Mr Bennett's transplant could mean more transplants in the future. It could bring the world, "one step closer to solving the organ shortage crisis". His doctor said: "We are also optimistic that this first-in-the-world surgery will provide an important new option for patients in the future." Mr Bennett hopes his transplant will let him live longer. He said: "I look forward to getting out of bed after I recover."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. for the very | a. in the dark |
| 2. doing well after | b. before the operation |
| 3. his only chance of | c. in a human |
| 4. the day | d. his operation |
| 5. It was either die or do this | e. modified pig |
| 6. I know it's a shot | f. staying alive |
| 7. a genetically- | g. transplant |
| 8. its heart would be able to function | h. first time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The transplant took | a. optimistic |
| 2. Doctors needed permission | b. transplants |
| 3. researching pig-organ | c. one step closer |
| 4. It could bring the world | d. option |
| 5. solving the organ | e. seven hours |
| 6. We are also | f. out of bed |
| 7. provide an important new | g. from U.S. authorities |
| 8. I look forward to getting | h. shortage crisis |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Doctors have transplanted a pig's heart into a man (1) _____ first time. Doctors in the USA say David Bennett, 57, is (2) _____ his operation. Mr Bennett was very ill. Giving him the pig's heart was (3) _____ of staying alive. Bennett spoke to doctors the day before the operation. He said: "It was either die or do this transplant. I (4) _____. I know it's a shot in the dark, but it's (5) _____." The pig's heart came from a genetically-modified pig. Scientists changed the pig's genes so its heart would be able to function (6) _____.

The transplant (7) _____. Doctors needed permission from U.S. authorities for the surgery. Scientists have been researching pig-organ transplants (8) _____. Mr Bennett's transplant could mean more transplants in the future. It could bring the world, "(9) _____ to solving the organ shortage crisis". His doctor said: "We (10) _____ that this first-in-the-world surgery will provide an important (11) _____ patients in the future." Mr Bennett hopes his transplant will let him live longer. He said: "I look forward to getting out of bed (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEART TRANSPLANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about heart transplants 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) _____

