

Palm surgery to change your future

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People in Japan are having surgery on their hands to change their future. The Japanese are big believers in palm reading. They spend a lot of money on visiting

palm readers. A cheaper palm reading costs around \$70. Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms. They think some of the lines mean a part of their future will be bad. They are having an operation to change the length and shape of the lines because they hope this will give them a brighter future. The operation takes just 15 minutes and costs about \$1,000. The doctor uses an electric scalpel to burn a line on the palm of the hand. It leaves a scar that takes a month to heal. The line looks like a money-luck line, happiness line or love line.

There are many doctors who say changing the lines on your palm does not work. They say it cannot change your future because it isn't natural. Subodh Gupta, a palm reader from London, agrees. He said: "I read about this surgery and I was very surprised. Even by having surgery, the lines cannot be changed." He added: "If you want to improve your fortune, take physical actions. So if you want greater health, do some exercise." However, people who have had the surgery say it has changed their life. A Tokyo surgeon said he gave a female patient a wedding line and she got married soon after. He said two other patients won the lottery after he made their fortune line longer.

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Writing

The lines on your palm really give you an idea about your future. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

surgery / hands / palm reading / a brighter future / scalpel / a scar / heal / happiness / doctors / natural / surprised / improve / exercise / wedding / won the lottery / fortune

True / False

- People are having operations on their hands to change their life. T / F
- An expensive palm reading costs about \$70. T / F
- People are changing the length but not the shape of their palm lines. T / F
- The lines from the surgery take four weeks to heal. T / F
- Doctors and a palm reader don't think the surgery can work. T / F
- A palm reader said only taking action can change your future. T / F
- A surgeon said none of the lives of any of his patients have changed. T / F
- Two people bought lottery tickets but didn't win the lottery. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. surgery | a. better |
| 2. brighter | b. scooped |
| 3. just | c. resembles |
| 4. heal | d. get results |
| 5. looks like | e. doctor |
| 6. work | f. boost |
| 7. natural | g. an operation |
| 8. improve | h. normal |
| 9. surgeon | i. only |
| 10. won | j. recover |

Discussion – Student A

- Do you believe in palm reading?
- What do you know about the lines on your palm?
- Is there anything that can tell us about our future?
- What do you think about palm surgery?
- How could it be that new lines on your palm will change your life?
- What do you want to know about your future?
- If you changed part of your future, what would you change?
- What do you think of the \$1,000 cost of palm surgery?

Phrase Match

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| 1. having surgery on their hands | a. a brighter future |
| 2. big believers | b. fortune |
| 3. they hope this will give them | c. to heal |
| 4. It leaves | d. because it isn't natural |
| 5. takes a month | e. in palm reading |
| 6. it cannot change your future | f. lottery |
| 7. I read about this surgery and I | g. to change their future |
| 8. improve your | h. do some exercise |
| 9. if you want greater health, | i. a scar |
| 10. won the | j. was very surprised |

Discussion – Student B

- What do people do in your country to find out about their future?
- Do you want to know about your future?
- What do you think of the advice of the palm reader in the article?
- What do you think of people who say palm surgery changed their life?
- Do you believe in fate?
- Do you think men or women visit palm readers most? Why?
- What advice would you give someone about to have palm surgery?
- What questions would you like to ask a palm surgeon?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. a	3. i	4. j	5. c
6. d	7. h	8. f	9. e	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Palm surgeon

You are totally sure that palm surgery can change people's life. Tell the others three reasons why. People who say palm reading is rubbish do not know what they are talking about. They do not understand the power of palm reading. Tell them about it. Ask them to have an operation.

Role B – Palm reader

Palm reading works. Tell the others three reasons why. Palm surgery doesn't work. Tell the others three reasons why. You think palm surgery is a way to get a lot of money from people who want to change their lives. You think palm surgeons are not honest. They know it doesn't work.

Role C – Happy patient

You had palm surgery twice. You know it works. Tell the others three reasons why. You had your fortune line changed and you became rich. Then you had your wedding line changed and married the perfect partner. You are sure you would not be happy now without the operations.

Role D – Unhappy patient

You've had palm surgery 20 times. You hate it. Tell the others three reasons why. Before your operations, you were rich, married to a wonderful person, and very happy. Now you are poor, divorced and miserable. You spent all your money on operations and your partner divorced you.

Speaking – The Future

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones that can tell our future at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- palm reading
- computers
- holy books
- Nostradamus
- crystal balls
- statistics
- priests
- other _____

Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.