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# Level 2 Thousands wake up during surgery

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Please try Levels 0 and 1 (easier) and the 26-page Level 3 (harder).



## THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-2.html

A report in England says thousands of patients a year wake up during operations. The report is from two organisations for anaesthetists – people who make us sleep before surgery. It said at least 150, and possibly several thousand, patients a year wake up on the operating table. Doctors say this is very rare and happens in one in every 19,000 operations. Patients who wake up during an operation say they felt fear and panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up because the drugs that relax their muscles mean they cannot move or communicate.

Researchers looked at around three million operations in public hospitals. They used the data to find ways to improve operations. They made 64 recommendations to reduce accidents in operating theatres. The most basic one was for doctors to use a checklist before each operation. This could reduce mistakes made by doctors. It could also make sure the patient has the correct levels of drugs. They also think a monitor can help doctors know if the patient wakes up. The report will hopefully mean anaesthetists will be able to understand if a patient wakes up.

Sources: http://www.**nhs**.uk/news/2014/09September/Pages/Hundreds-report-waking-up-duringsurgery.aspx http://www.**express**.co.uk/news/uk/509217/Surgery-Awake-Patient-UK-Anaesthetic-NHS http://www.**independent**.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/hundreds-of-patientswakeup-during-surgery-9724262.html

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	thousands of patients a
2	people who make us
3.	possibly several
4.	on the operating
5.	one in
6.	they felt fear
7.	the drugs that relax
8.	they cannot move or

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	ways to	a.	64 recommendations
2	They made	b.	levels of drugs
3.	The most	c.	made by doctors
4.	use a	d.	wakes up
5.	reduce mistakes	e.	checklist
6.	the correct	f.	doctors know
7.	a monitor can help	g.	improve operations
8.	understand if a patient	h.	basic one

- a. every 19,000 operations
- b. thousand
- c. and panic
- d. their muscles
- e. sleep before surgery
- f. table
- g. communicate
- h. year wake up

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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up during operations. The report is from two organisations for				
anaesthetists – people (2) before surgery.				
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wake (3) table. Doctors say this is very				
rare and happens (4) 19,000 operations.				
Patients who wake up during an operation				
(5) panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors				
if he/she wakes up because the drugs that				
(6) mean they cannot move or				
communicate.				

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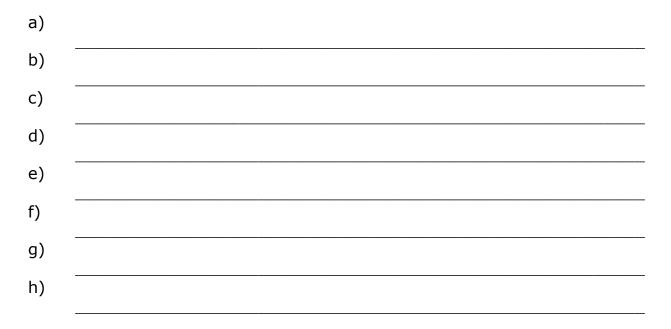
# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



## WRITING

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Write about **surgery** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.