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Level 1 Britain says yes to 3-parent babies

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150206-3-parent-babies-1.html

In the U.K. there will soon be babies that come from the DNA of three different people. British lawmakers voted to allow three-person babies. This will stop a disease passing from a mother to her newborn baby. The first three-person baby could be born as early as next year. There could be 150 a year. The technique will help stop an incurable disease that affects about one in 6,500 children around the world.

The technique combines DNA from the parents and a female donor who does not have the disease. Doctors swap unhealthy DNA in the mother's egg with healthy DNA from the donor. About 0.1 per cent of the baby's DNA will be from the donor. Doctors say this is "light at the end of a dark tunnel" for many families. Britain's leader said parents who want a healthy baby could now have one. Critics say this is bad and could lead to "designer babies".

Sources: http://www.bbc.com/news/health-31069173 http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/three-parent-babies-could-be-born-next-year-1-3678635 http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/britain-votes-to-allow-world-s-first-3-parent-ivfbabies/

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	the DNA of three	a.	next year
2	stop a disease passing from a mother	b.	an incurable disease
3.	The first three-	c.	150 a year
4.	as early as	d.	the world
5.	There could be	e.	to her newborn baby
6.	The technique will help stop	f.	in 6,500 children
7.	affects about one	g.	different people
8.	around	h.	person baby

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	a female donor who does not	a.	this is bad
2	unhealthy DNA	b.	from the donor.
3.	healthy DNA	c.	a dark tunnel
4.	About 0.1 per cent	d.	babies
5.	light at the end of	e.	have the disease
6.	parents who want a	f.	of the baby's DNA
7.	Critics say	g.	in the mother's egg
8.	designer	h.	healthy baby

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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In the U.K. (1) ______ be babies that come from the (2) _____ different people. British lawmakers voted to allow three-person babies. This (3) _____ passing from a mother to her newborn baby. The first three-person baby could (4) _____ as next year. There could be 150 a year. The technique (5) ______ an incurable disease that affects about one in 6,500 children (6) _____. The technique (7) ______ from the parents and a female donor who (8) _____ the disease. Doctors swap unhealthy DNA in the mother's egg with healthy DNA from the donor. About (9) _____ the baby's DNA will be from the donor. Doctors say (10)the end _____ (11) for many families. Britain's leader said parents who want a healthy baby could now have one. Critics say this is bad and could lead to "(12) _____".

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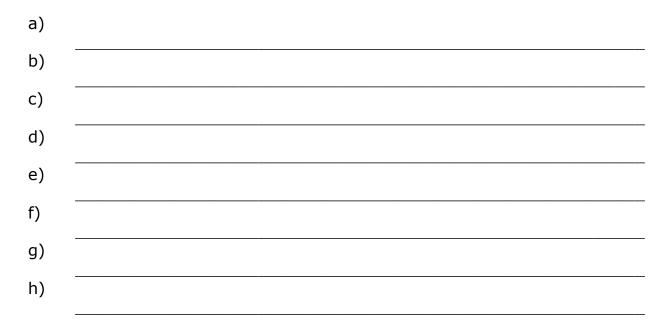
PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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



WRITING

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Write about **3-parent babies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.