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## **Level 5**

### **Gay men refused as blood donors after Orlando shooting**

**16th June, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood-5.html>

Hundreds of gay men wanting to give blood after the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned away. Federal law states that blood centers cannot accept donations from gay men who have been sexually active in the past year. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle in what is now the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York native, targeted the LGBT community at the club. He was supposedly angry at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

Many in the LGBT community want the federal policy of barring gay men from donating blood changed. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood is tested for HIV and other diseases before it is used. The testing process usually takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the basic qualifications...should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most deadly act against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in American history, the built-in homophobia of American public health keeps the country from [organizing] the most effective possible response."

Sources: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/06/13/orlando-blood-bank-still-accepting-donations-wake-shooting-gay-club/85824564/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. give                        | a. shooting         |
| 2. blood centers cannot accept | b. blood            |
| 3. in the past                 | c. community        |
| 4. a semi-automatic assault    | d. year             |
| 5. mass                        | e. kissing in Miami |
| 6. a New York                  | f. rifle            |
| 7. targeted the LGBT           | g. donations        |
| 8. seeing two men              | h. native           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. federal                     | a. act                |
| 2. donated blood is            | b. health             |
| 3. Anybody who meets the basic | c. tested for HIV     |
| 4. should be able to donate    | d. response           |
| 5. Even after the most deadly  | e. policy             |
| 6. bisexual and                | f. blood              |
| 7. public                      | g. qualifications     |
| 8. the most effective possible | h. transgender people |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Hundreds of gay men wanting (1) \_\_\_\_\_ after the Orlando nightclub shooting have (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Federal law states that blood centers cannot accept donations from gay men who have been sexually active (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic (4) \_\_\_\_\_ what is now the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the LGBT community at the club. He was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

Many in the LGBT community want (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of barring gay men from donating blood changed. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ other diseases before it is used. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ usually takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ...should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in American history, the built-in homophobia of American public health keeps the country from [organizing] the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ response."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GIVING BLOOD SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about giving blood 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) \_\_\_\_\_

