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Level 1

Women are better doctors but get paid less

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A study shows that female doctors are better than male doctors, but get less pay. Researchers looked at three million medical records. The percentages of readmissions (people who had to stay in hospital a second time) and mortality (deaths) were lower if the doctor was female. Mortality rates were 15.02 per cent and readmission rates were 11.07 per cent for female doctors. They were 15.57 per cent and 11.49 per cent for male doctors.

Researchers did not say why women gave better care. Dr. Ashish Jha said "approximately 32,000 fewer patients would die" in the USA each year if male doctors did as well as female doctors. He also said it was wrong that male doctors got paid more than female doctors, because women were better at their jobs. Dr Jha said: "We need to understand why these differences exist," so female and male doctors work equally well and get the same pay.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. female doctors are better | a. records |
| 2. get | b. a second time |
| 3. three million medical | c. was female |
| 4. The percentages | d. less pay |
| 5. people who had to stay in hospital | e. of readmissions |
| 6. lower if the doctor | f. for female doctors |
| 7. Mortality | g. than male doctors |
| 8. 11.07 per cent | h. rates |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Researchers did not say | a. patients would die |
| 2. women gave better | b. wrong |
| 3. approximately 32,000 fewer | c. differences exist |
| 4. male doctors did as well | d. care |
| 5. He also said it was | e. same pay |
| 6. We need to understand why these | f. why |
| 7. female and male doctors work equally | g. as female doctors |
| 8. get the | h. well |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ female doctors are better than male doctors, but (2) _____. Researchers looked at three million (3) _____. The percentages of readmissions (people who (4) _____ hospital a second time) and mortality (deaths) were lower if the doctor was female. Mortality rates were 15.02 per cent and readmission (5) _____ per cent for female doctors. They were 15.57 per cent and 11.49 per cent (6) _____.

Researchers did not say why women (7) _____. Dr. Ashish Jha said "approximately 32,000 (8) _____ would die" in the USA each year if male doctors (9) _____ female doctors. He also said it was wrong that male doctors (10) _____ than female doctors, because women were better at their jobs. Dr Jha said: "We need to understand why these (11) _____," so female and male doctors work equally well and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DOCTORS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about doctors 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **doctors** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
