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Google will check to see if you are depressed

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

The search engine Google will soon start a service that lets people check their mental health online. People searching for "depression" on Google's search page will get a link to a questionnaire along with their search result. The questionnaire will check to see if you could be suffering from depression. There are nine questions on the self-assessment. Google has partnered with America's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the project. A NAMI spokesperson said Google users can take the private questionnaire to help them find out how depressed they are. He said this could help people decide if they need to see a doctor. The questionnaire will initially only be available for Internet users in the USA.

Google's blog said the questionnaire could help people get treatment for depression more quickly. It said: "Statistics show that those who have symptoms of depression experience an average of a six- to eight-year delay in getting treatment after the onset of symptoms. We believe that awareness of depression can help empower and educate you, enabling quicker access to treatment." However, Dr Aaron Balick, an expert on how websites can help people, said Google's questionnaire was the same as reading any online information about depression. He told the BBC: "A better approach would be...offering [people] resources and a direct line - perhaps a chat box - to local psychological services."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-41034618>
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<https://www.theverge.com/2017/8/23/16193236/google-depression-questionnaire-mental-health>

WARM-UPS

1. DEPRESSION: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about depression. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

search engine / mental health / questionnaire / depression / doctor / Internet users / treatment / statistics / symptoms / awareness / expert / information / resources / chat

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. INTERNET HELP: Students A **strongly** believe the Internet is the best place for help with mental health; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MENTAL HEALTH: How can the following help with mental health issues? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How they can help	Why?
The Internet		
Music		
Drugs		
Group therapy		
Nature		
Friends		

5. ONLINE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "online". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HELP: Rank these with your partner. Put the best people to help with depression at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Internet experts
- friends
- doctors
- family
- other sufferers
- counselors
- colleagues
- neighbours

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Google will operate a special website to help with mental health issues. **T / F**
- b. There is a questionnaire with 90 questions on it about depression. **T / F**
- c. Google will send a mental health doctor to help people. **T / F**
- d. Google users all over the world can use the online mental health service. **T / F**
- e. Statistics show people wait 6 to 7 weeks before getting treatment. **T / F**
- f. Awareness of depression can get you treatment more quickly. **T / F**
- g. A doctor said Google's help was the same as any online information. **T / F**
- h. The doctor said a chat box would be better to help people. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. soon | a. medical care |
| 2. questionnaire | b. representative |
| 3. partnered | c. way |
| 4. spokesperson | d. survey |
| 5. initially | e. signs |
| 6. treatment | f. before long |
| 7. symptoms | g. mental |
| 8. onset | h. at first |
| 9. approach | i. teamed up |
| 10. psychological | j. beginning |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. a service that lets people check their | a. for depression |
| 2. suffering | b. websites can help people |
| 3. There are nine questions | c. depressed they are |
| 4. help them find out how | d. mental health online |
| 5. initially only be | e. to eight-year delay |
| 6. help people get treatment | f. on the self-assessment |
| 7. experience an average of a six- | g. line |
| 8. awareness of depression can help | h. available for Internet users |
| 9. an expert on how | i. empower and educate you |
| 10. a direct | j. from depression |

GAP FILL

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The search engine Google will soon start a (1) _____ that lets people check their mental health (2) _____. People searching for "depression" on Google's search page will get a link to a questionnaire along with their search (3) _____. The questionnaire will check to see if you could be suffering from depression. There are nine questions on the (4) _____ - assessment. Google has partnered with America's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the (5) _____. A NAMI spokesperson said Google users can take the private questionnaire to help them (6) _____ out how depressed they are. He said this could help people decide if they need to see a (7) _____. The questionnaire will initially only be available for Internet (8) _____ in the USA.

result
doctor
online
users
project
service
find
self

Google's blog said the questionnaire could help people get (9) _____ for depression more quickly. It said: "Statistics show that those who have symptoms of depression experience an (10) _____ of a six- to eight-year delay in getting treatment after the onset of symptoms. We believe that (11) _____ of depression can help empower and educate you, enabling quicker (12) _____ to treatment." However, Dr Aaron Balick, an (13) _____ on how websites can help people, said Google's questionnaire was the same as reading any online (14) _____ about depression. He told the BBC: "A better (15) _____ would be...offering [people] resources and a (16) _____ line - perhaps a chat box - to local psychological services."

information
awareness
access
direct
treatment
approach
average
expert

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Google will soon start a service that lets people check their _____ online
 - a. mentally health
 - b. mental healthy
 - c. mentally healthy
 - d. mental health
- 2) Google's search page will get a link to a questionnaire along with _____
 - a. their searches result
 - b. their search resulted
 - c. there search result
 - d. their search result
- 3) The questionnaire will check to see if you could be suffering _____
 - a. form depression
 - b. from depression
 - c. from depressive
 - d. from depressing
- 4) users can take the private questionnaire to help them find out _____ are
 - a. how depression they
 - b. how depressive they
 - c. how depressed they
 - d. how depresses they
- 5) The questionnaire will initially only be available for Internet _____ USA
 - a. usages in the
 - b. uses in the
 - c. users in the
 - d. used in the
- 6) the questionnaire could help people get treatment for depression _____
 - a. more quicker
 - b. more quick
 - c. more quicken
 - d. more quickly
- 7) experience an average of a six- to eight-year delay _____
 - a. in getting treatment
 - b. in get in treatment
 - c. in getting in treatment
 - d. in get thing treatment
- 8) We believe that awareness of depression can help empower _____
 - a. and educate you
 - b. and educates you
 - c. and educated you
 - d. and educating you
- 9) Google's questionnaire was the same as reading any _____
 - a. on line information
 - b. online info nation
 - c. online informed nation
 - d. online information
- 10) He told the BBC: "A better approach would be offering people resources and _____
 - a. a direct line"
 - b. a directs line"
 - c. a directed line"
 - d. a directing line"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

1. When will Google's new mental health service start?
2. What will a questionnaire help people check if they are suffering from?
3. How many questions are there on the questionnaire?
4. Who might the questionnaire help people decide to see?
5. Where will the service only be available at first?
6. How long is the delay in people getting treatment for depression?
7. What can empower and educate you to get quicker access to treatment?
8. Who is Dr Aaron Balick?
9. What kind of line did a doctor suggest there be online?
10. What kind of box did a doctor suggest there be online?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

- 1) When will Google's new mental health service start?
 - a) next week
 - b) in a few years from now
 - c) soon
 - d) January 1
- 2) What will a questionnaire help people check if they are suffering from?
 - a) depression
 - b) Internet addiction
 - c) headaches
 - d) survey overload
- 3) How many questions are there on the questionnaire?
 - a) 6
 - b) 7
 - c) 8
 - d) 9
- 4) Who might the questionnaire help people decide to see?
 - a) a friend
 - b) a doctor
 - c) a family member
 - d) an Internet expert
- 5) Where will the service only be available at first?
 - a) shopping malls
 - b) Japan
 - c) the USA
 - d) the UK
- 6) How long is the delay in people getting treatment for depression?
 - a) a few years
 - b) 6-8 years
 - c) 6-8 weeks
 - d) a few weeks
- 7) What can empower and educate you to get quicker access to treatment?
 - a) friends
 - b) doctors
 - c) hospitals
 - d) awareness of depression
- 8) Who is Dr Aaron Balick?
 - a) an expert of depression
 - b) an expert on how websites can help people
 - c) an author on mental health
 - d) a surgeon
- 9) What kind of line did a doctor suggest there be online?
 - a) a direct line
 - b) a hotline
 - c) a red line
 - d) online
- 10) What kind of box did a doctor suggest there be online?
 - a) a helpful box
 - b) a cardboard box
 - c) a big box
 - d) a chat box

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Internet Experts

You think Internet experts are the best people to help someone with depression. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as good. Also, tell the others who of these are the least able to help people with depression (and why): other sufferers, friends or family members.

Role B – Other Sufferers

You think other sufferers are the best people to help someone with depression. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as good. Also, tell the others who of these are the least able to help people with depression (and why): Internet experts, friends or family members.

Role C – Friends

You think friends are the best people to help someone with depression. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as good. Also, tell the others who of these are the least able to help people with depression (and why): other sufferers, Internet experts or family members.

Role D – Family Members

You think family members are the best people to help someone with depression. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as good. Also, tell the others who of these are the least able to help people with depression (and why): other sufferers, friends or Internet experts.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'mental' and 'health'.

mental	health
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lets• along• nine• partnered• how• need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• blog• quickly• average• expert• information• local
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DEPRESSION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about depression 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.

DEPRESSION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'search'?
3. What do you think of Google?
4. How important is Google to you?
5. How is your mental health?
6. What do you know about depression?
7. Would you take a mental health questionnaire?
8. What can we do to beat depression?
9. What other health tests could people do online?
10. Why is so little money spent on mental health?

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DEPRESSION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'engine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What treatment can people get for depression?
15. Why do people get depressed?
16. Why do people wait so long to get treated for depression?
17. How do people know they are depressed?
18. How would you help people with depression?
19. What do you think of the idea of a chat box online?
20. What questions would you like to ask the doctors?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) sooner | (b) soonish | (c) soon | (d) soonest |
| 2. | (a) for | (b) on | (c) as | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) along | (b) longing | (c) longed | (d) longs |
| 4. | (a) partnered | (b) partners | (c) partnership | (d) partnering |
| 5. | (a) privation | (b) private | (c) privacy | (d) privet |
| 6. | (a) initial | (b) initialise | (c) initials | (d) initially |
| 7. | (a) them | (b) these | (c) those | (d) they |
| 8. | (a) dally | (b) rally | (c) relay | (d) delay |
| 9. | (a) onset | (b) upset | (c) offset | (d) reset |
| 10. | (a) access | (b) excess | (c) recess | (d) assess |
| 11. | (a) twin | (b) same | (c) alike | (d) similar |
| 12. | (a) rival | (b) legal | (c) local | (d) regal |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. check their mental health nnlleo
2. you could be giffunesr from depression
3. self-mssastesne
4. take the private inourteesnaq
5. help people diceed
6. only be vaellaabi for Internet users

Paragraph 2

7. have mmsopyst of depression
8. a six- to eight-year lyaed
9. ranasesew of depression
10. an erxpet on how
11. A better aarcphpo
12. a ectird line

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () see a doctor. The questionnaire will initially only be available for Internet users in the USA.
- (**1**) The search engine Google will soon start a service that lets people check their mental health
- () any online information about depression. He told the BBC: "A better approach would be...
- () depression. There are nine questions on the self-assessment. Google has partnered with America's National Alliance
- () empower and educate you, enabling quicker access to treatment." However, Dr Aaron Balick, an expert
- () show that those who have symptoms of depression experience an average of a six- to eight-year delay
- () questionnaire to help them find out how depressed they are. He said this could help people decide if they need to
- () with their search result. The questionnaire will check to see if you could be suffering from
- () online. People searching for "depression" on Google's search page will get a link to a questionnaire along
- () offering [people] resources and a direct line - perhaps a chat box - to local psychological services."
- () in getting treatment after the onset of symptoms. We believe that awareness of depression can help
- () on how websites can help people, said Google's questionnaire was the same as reading
- () on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the project. A NAMI spokesperson said Google users can take the private
- () Google's blog said the questionnaire could help people get treatment for depression more quickly. It said: "Statistics

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. A check service their that mental lets health people .
2. Check if be depression see could from to you suffering .
3. Google can the questionnaire users take private .
4. need they if decide people help could This doctor a see to .
5. only Initially USA the in users Internet for available be .
6. get people Help quickly more depression for treatment .
7. that depression can help We believe of awareness .
8. on expert An people help can websites how .
9. online The as any information same reading .
10. better A resources people offering be would approach .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170826-depression.html>

The search engine Google will soon start a *service / servicing* that lets people check their mental *health / healthy* online. People searching for "depression" on Google's search page will get a *linked / link* to a questionnaire along with their search *result / resulted*. The questionnaire will check to see if you could be *suffer / suffering* from depression. There are nine questions on the self-assessment. Google has *partnered / partner* with America's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the project. A NAMI spokesperson said Google users can *taking / take* the private questionnaire to help them find out how *depressed / depression* they are. He said this could help people decide if they *necessary / need* to see a doctor. The questionnaire will initially only be *available / availability* for Internet users in the USA.

Google's blog said the *questioned / questionnaire* could help people get treatment for *depression / depressive* more quickly. It said: "Statistics show that *them / those* who have symptoms of depression experience *an / a* average of a six- to eight-year delay in getting treatment after the *onset / offset* of symptoms. We believe that awareness of depression can help empower and *education / educate* you, enabling quicker access to treatment." However, Dr Aaron Balick, an expert on how websites can help people, said Google's questionnaire was the *similar / same* as reading any online information about depression. He told the BBC: "A better approach would be...*offering / offer* people resources and a *direct / direction* line - perhaps a chat box - to *local / rival* psychological services."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ s__rch _ng_n_ G__gl_ w_ll s__n st_rt _ s_rv_c_ th_t l_ts p__pl_ ch_ck th__r m_nt_l h__lth _nl_n_. P__pl_ s__rch_ng f_r "d_pr_ss__n" _n G__gl_'s s__rch p_g_ w_ll g_t _ l_nk t_ _ q__st__nn__r_ _l_ng w_th th__r s__rch r_s_lt. Th_ q__st__nn__r_ w_ll ch_ck t_s__ _f y__ c__ld b_ s_ff_r_ng fr_m d_pr_ss__n. Th_r_ _r_ n_n_ q__st__ns _n th_ s_lf-ss_ssm_nt. G__gl_ h_s p_rtn_r_d w_th _m_r_c_'s N_t__n_l _ll__nc_ _n M_nt_l _lln_ss (N_M_) _n th_ pr_j_ct. _ N_M_ sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d G__gl_ _s_rs c_n t_k_ th_ pr_v_t_ q__st__nn__r_ t_ h_lp th_m f_nd __t h_w d_pr_ss_d th_y_r_. H_ s__d th_s c__ld h_lp p__pl_ d_c_d_ _f th_y n__d t_ s__ _ d_ct_r. Th_ q__st__nn__r_ w_ll _n_t__lly _nly b_ _v__l_b_l_ f_r _nt_rn_t_s_rs _n th_ _S_.

G__gl_'s bl_g_ s__d th_ q__st__nn__r_ c__ld h_lp p__pl_ g_t tr__tm_nt f_r d_pr_ss__n m_r_ q__ckly. _t s__d: "St_t_st_cs sh_w th_t th_s wh_ h_v_ sympt_ms _f d_pr_ss__n _xp_r__nc_ _n _v_r_g_ _f _s_x-t__ght-y__r d_l_y _n g_tt_ng tr__tm_nt _ft_r th_ _ns_t _f sympt_ms. W_ b_l__v_ th_t _w_r_n_ss _f d_pr_ss__n c_n h_lp _mp_w_r _nd _d_c_t_ y__, _n_b_l_ng q__ck_r _cc_ss t_ tr__tm_nt." H_w_v_r, Dr __r_n B_l_ck, _n _xp_r_t _n h_w w_bs_t_s c_n h_lp p__pl_, s__d G__gl_'s q__st__nn__r_ w_s th_s m__s r__d_ng _ny _nl_n_ _nf_rm_t__n _b__t d_pr_ss__n. H_t_ld th_ BBC: "_ b_tt_r _ppr__ch w__ld b_..._ff_r_ng [p__pl_] r_s__rc_s _nd _d_r_ct_l_n_ - p_rh_ps _ch_t b_x - t_l_c_l psych_l_g_c_l s_rv_c_s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DEPRESSION: Make a poster about depression. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE INTERNET: Write a magazine article about the Internet being used as a tool to help with mental health. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on depression. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to defeat it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. soon | a. before long |
| 2. questionnaire | b. survey |
| 3. partnered | c. teamed up |
| 4. spokesperson | d. representative |
| 5. initially | e. at first |
| 6. treatment | f. medical care |
| 7. symptoms | g. signs |
| 8. onset | h. beginning |
| 9. approach | i. way |
| 10. psychological | j. mental |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Soon
2. Depression
3. Nine
4. A doctor
5. The USA
6. Six to eight years
7. Awareness of depression
8. An expert on how websites can help people
9. A direct line
10. A chat box

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)