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Level 5

Women stranded at airport after cosmetic surgery

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery-5.html>

Three Chinese women are stranded at a South Korean airport because their passport photos do not match their faces. The women just had cosmetic surgery to change their looks. The surgery changed their faces so much that passport control officers could not confirm their identity. Their faces were swollen from the surgery and were bandaged. Photos of the women went viral. A website reported that the women were not allowed on their return flight to China. They were held for questioning by airport authorities. It is still unclear when the women can return to China.

South Korea is the cosmetic surgery capital of the world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is booming. More than 500,000 Chinese people go to clinics in South Korea every year. Many clinics specialize in making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also very popular with South Koreans. Around half of women under 30 in Seoul have probably had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to have surgery to get a "competitive edge" in the job market. There are even hugely popular TV shows that feature before and after transformations.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/women-turned-away-flight-south-korea-plastic-surgery-passport-photo-airport-refuse-boarding-a7992106.html>
<http://shanghaiist.com/2017/10/10/south-korea-plastic-surgery.php>
<https://www.seoultouchup.com/plastic-surgery-in-korea/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. their passport photos do not | a. questioning |
| 2. cosmetic surgery to | b. match their faces |
| 3. officers could not confirm their | c. their return flight |
| 4. Their faces were swollen | d. women can return |
| 5. Photos of the women went | e. change their looks |
| 6. the women were not allowed on | f. from the surgery |
| 7. They were held for | g. viral |
| 8. It is still unclear when the | h. identity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Korea is the cosmetic surgery | a. booming |
| 2. tourism from China is | b. after transformations |
| 3. 500,000 Chinese people | c. women under 30 |
| 4. making clients look | d. capital of the world |
| 5. Around half of | e. in the job market |
| 6. parents encourage their children | f. go to clinics |
| 7. get a "competitive edge" | g. more "Western" |
| 8. before and | h. to have surgery |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three Chinese women are (1) _____ South Korean airport because their passport photos do not (2) _____. The women just had cosmetic surgery to change their looks. The surgery changed their (3) _____ that passport control officers could not confirm their identity. Their faces were (4) _____ surgery and were bandaged. Photos of the women went viral. A website reported that the women were not (5) _____ return flight to China. They were held for questioning by airport authorities. It is (6) _____ the women can return to China.

South Korea is the cosmetic surgery (7) _____ world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China (8) _____. More than 500,000 Chinese people go to clinics in South Korea every year. Many clinics (9) _____ clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also very popular with South Koreans. (10) _____ women under 30 in Seoul have probably had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to have surgery to get a (11) _____ in the job market. There are even hugely popular TV shows (12) _____ and after transformations.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COSMETIC SURGERY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cosmetic surgery 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) _____

