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Level 4 – 3rd November, 2018

Babies of older fathers may be less healthy

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THE READING

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A study says babies of older fathers may be more likely to have health problems. Scientists studied data on over 40 million births between 2007 and 2016. Compared to babies born to fathers aged 25 to 34, babies born to fathers over the age of 45 had more health problems. They said babies could be born prematurely, be underweight or spend time in an intensive care unit. Researchers said babies born to older fathers were less healthy.

A doctor said more research was needed to prove that older fathers have less-healthy babies. The doctor said: "I think it's important to understand that the risks we are seeing are modest....the risk may not change much." The doctors said governments need to be aware of these risks. He said: "There may be public health implications of men...waiting longer to conceive." He said: "While the oldest father ever is 96...the risk...may increase if fathers conceive later."

Sources: <https://www.newsweek.com/older-dads-more-likely-have-babies-health-problems-1195289>
<http://med.stanford.edu/news/all-news/2018/10/older-fathers-associated-with-increased-birth-risks.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. be more likely to have | a. care unit |
| 2. data on over | b. health problems |
| 3. babies born to fathers | c. were less healthy |
| 4. fathers over the | d. be born prematurely |
| 5. babies could | e. aged 25 to 34 |
| 6. be | f. age of 45 |
| 7. spend time in an intensive | g. 40 million births |
| 8. babies born to older fathers | h. underweight |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. more research was needed | a. ever is 96 |
| 2. older fathers have less- | b. are modest |
| 3. I think it's important to | c. of these risks |
| 4. the risks we are seeing | d. to prove that |
| 5. governments need to be aware | e. later |
| 6. public health | f. healthy babies |
| 7. the oldest father | g. understand |
| 8. increase if fathers conceive | h. implications |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study says babies of older fathers (1) _____ likely to have health problems. Scientists studied (2) _____ 40 million births between 2007 and 2016. Compared (3) _____ to fathers aged 25 to 34, babies born (4) _____ the age of 45 had more health problems. They said babies (5) _____ prematurely, be underweight or spend time in an intensive care unit. Researchers said babies born to older fathers (6) _____.

A doctor said more research was needed (7) _____ older fathers (8) _____ babies. The doctor said: "I think it's important to understand that the risks we are (9) _____....the risk may not change much." The doctors said governments need to be aware (10) _____. He said: "There may be public health implications of men...waiting (11) _____." He said: "While the oldest father ever is 96...the risk... (12) _____ fathers conceive later."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OLDER FATHERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about older fathers 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) _____

