

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 1 – 12th July, 2019

Amazon Alexa to answer questions on health

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-1.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

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

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-1.html>

Technology is helping us more with healthcare. We can now ask the digital device Alexa about our health. Alexa is a virtual assistant from Amazon. It listens to and answers questions. It can talk to people, make to-do lists, play music, and tell us the latest news. Now it can give health advice. Amazon teamed up with the UK's National Health Service (NHS). Alexa will search the NHS website for information and give answers that are agreed on by doctors.

The UK said it was great that people can get good advice from their home, and that it would reduce the pressure on doctors. It wants to let patients take more control of their health. Not everyone likes the new health function. Some people say we must be careful about using Alexa for health advice and should see a doctor for serious health problems. Other people are worried about hacking. A privacy group said Alexa is, "a data protection disaster waiting to happen".

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/9473561/amazon-alexa-health-queries-nhs/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48925345>
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/jul/10/nhs-teams-up-with-amazon-to-bring-alexa-to-patients>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Technology is helping | a. answers questions |
| 2. We can now ask the | b. do lists |
| 3. Alexa is a virtual | c. for information |
| 4. It listens to and | d. to people |
| 5. It can talk | e. on by doctors |
| 6. make to- | f. digital device |
| 7. search the NHS website | g. us more |
| 8. give answers that are agreed | h. assistant |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9. get good advice | i. health problems |
| 10. It wants to let patients take | j. from their home |
| 11. Not everyone likes the new | k. protection disaster |
| 12. be careful | l. health function |
| 13. see a doctor for serious | m. happen |
| 14. people are worried about | n. more control |
| 15. a data | o. about using Alexa |
| 16. waiting to | p. hacking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-1.html>

Technology (1) _____ more with healthcare. We can now ask the digital device Alexa (2) _____. Alexa is a virtual assistant from Amazon. It (3) _____ answers questions. It can talk to people, make to-do lists, play music, and tell us (4) _____. Now it can give health advice. Amazon (5) _____ the UK's National Health Service (NHS). Alexa will search the NHS website for information and give answers that (6) _____ by doctors.

The UK said it (7) _____ people can get good advice from their home, and that (8) _____ the pressure on doctors. It wants to let patients take more control (9) _____. Not everyone likes the new health function. Some people say we (10) _____ about using Alexa for health advice and should see a doctor for serious health problems. Other people (11) _____ hacking. A privacy group said Alexa is, "a (12) _____ waiting to happen".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-1.html>

Technology is helping us more with healthcare. We can now ask the digital device Alexa about our health. Alexa is a virtual assistant from Amazon. It listens to and answers questions. It can talk to people, make to-do lists, play music, and tell us the latest news. Now it can give health advice. Amazon teamed up with the UK's National Health Service (NHS). Alexa will search the NHS website for information and give answers that are agreed on by doctors. The UK said it was great that people can get good advice from their home, and that it would reduce the pressure on doctors. It wants to let patients take more control of their health. Not everyone likes the new health function. Some people say we must be careful about using Alexa for health advice and should see a doctor for serious health problems. Other people are worried about hacking. A privacy group said Alexa is "a data protection disaster waiting to happen".

HEALTHCARE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190712-alexa-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about healthcare 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) _____

Amazon Alexa to answer questions on health – 12th July, 2019
More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

