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## Level 4

### Women stranded at airport after cosmetic surgery

13th October, 2017

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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

Three Chinese women cannot leave a South Korean airport because their passport photos do not match their faces. The women just had cosmetic surgery. It changed their faces so much that passport officers cannot confirm their identity. Their faces were still swollen and bandaged. A website said the women were not allowed on their return flight to China. They were held for questioning at the airport. It is still unclear when the women can go back to China.

South Korea is the world's cosmetic surgery capital. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is huge. Over 500,000 Chinese people go to South Korean clinics each year. Many clinics specialize in the "Western" look. This is very popular with young South Korean women. Many parents encourage their children to have surgery so they look better in the job market. There are very popular prime time TV cosmetic surgery shows in South Korea.

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. confirm their identity |
| 2. It changed                     | b. unclear                |
| 3. passport officers cannot       | c. flight to China        |
| 4. Their faces were still swollen | d. go back to China       |
| 5. on their return                | e. their faces            |
| 6. They were held for             | f. match their faces      |
| 7. It is still                    | g. and bandaged           |
| 8. when the women can             | h. questioning            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. the world's cosmetic surgery        | a. their children |
| 2. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China | b. "Western" look |
| 3. Chinese people go to South Korean   | c. look better    |
| 4. specialize in the                   | d. is huge        |
| 5. This is very                        | e. clinics        |
| 6. Many parents encourage              | f. popular        |
| 7. have surgery so they                | g. time TV        |
| 8. prime                               | h. capital        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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

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South Korea (7) \_\_\_\_\_ cosmetic surgery capital. Cosmetic surgery tourism (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 500,000 Chinese people go to South Korean (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Many clinics specialize in the "Western" look. This (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with young South Korean women. Many parents encourage their children to have surgery so they look (11) \_\_\_\_\_ job market. There are very (12) \_\_\_\_\_ TV cosmetic surgery shows in South Korea.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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

Write about **cosmetic surgery** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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