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Level 1 – 10th September, 2019

73-year-old woman gives birth to twins

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-1.html>

A 73-year-old woman in India has had twins. Becoming a mother for the first time is "the happiest time" of her life. She needed an operation. The mother is recovering well after the operation. The twins are healthy. The mother thought she would never have children. She first tried fifty years ago but was unsuccessful. She thought she would be childless forever after her menopause. She said people called her "the childless lady".

The IVF method helped the woman give birth. She got a fertilized egg from a younger woman and became pregnant. She was so happy when she found out she was having twins. The mother's doctors are also happy with her. One doctor said: "We had three groups of doctors. One took care of her general health, one took care of her nutritional status and one took care of her pregnancy." The doctor said she was in very safe hands.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/06/indian-woman-73-gives-birth-twin-girls-mangayamma-yaramati-andhra-pradesh>
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/71028629.cms>
<https://timesofoman.com/article/1885357/World/India/73-year-old-Indian-gives-birth-to-healthy-twins-girls>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Becoming a mother for | a. menopause |
| 2. She needed an | b. are healthy |
| 3. The mother is | c. forever |
| 4. The twins | d. operation |
| 5. She first tried | e. "the childless lady" |
| 6. She thought she would be childless | f. recovering well |
| 7. after her | g. the first time |
| 8. people called her | h. fifty years ago |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The IVF method helped the | a. having twins |
| 2. She got a fertilized egg from a | b. of her pregnancy |
| 3. she found out she was | c. of doctors |
| 4. The mother's doctors are also | d. woman give birth |
| 5. We had three groups | e. health |
| 6. her general | f. safe hands |
| 7. one took care | g. younger woman |
| 8. she was in very | h. happy with her |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 73-year-old woman in India (1) _____.
Becoming a mother for (2) _____ is "the
happiest time" of her life. She (3) _____. The
mother is recovering well after the operation. The
(4) _____. The mother thought she would never
have children. She first tried fifty years ago
(5) _____. She thought she would be childless
forever after her menopause. She said
(6) _____ "the childless lady".

The IVF method helped the (7) _____. She got a
fertilized egg from a younger woman and became pregnant. She
(8) _____ when she found out she was having
twins. The mother's doctors (9) _____ with her.
One doctor said: "We had (10) _____ doctors.
One took care of her general health, (11) _____
of her nutritional status and one took care of her pregnancy." The
doctor said she was (12) _____ hands.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GIVING BIRTH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about giving birth 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) _____

