

## Jaw surgery – the new beauty fad

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Image-conscious South Koreans are trying the latest procedure in plastic surgery to enhance their looks – double-jaw surgery. After having a nose job and

eye reshaping, those who want the "perfect" jaw can opt to go under the knife for what is a major operation. Despite the surgery requiring months of painful recovery, dozens of South Korean celebrities have appeared on television showing off their chiselled new look. And "chiselled" is a key word to describe how surgeons cut away at the upper and lower jaw bones to sculpt the coveted "V-shaped" jawline. Many of the celebrities explained to chat show hosts how their reshaped chins have led to a "turning point" in their careers.

However, not everyone is recommending the operation. Many doctors are advising people against having the surgery for cosmetic reasons. Dr Choi Jin-Young, from the Seoul National University, talked to the AFP news agency of the dangers of the operation. He said: "It's a very complex, potentially dangerous surgery...It's disturbing to see people with no real dental flaws daring to go through it just to have a small, pretty face." There are many reports of the surgery going terribly wrong. One young woman wrote: "My mouth keeps moving leftward and the jaw area has gone numb. I can't even feel when saliva keeps dripping out of my mouth." One woman committed suicide after post-surgery complications.

Source: *Huffington Post*

### Writing

*It is very foolish to risk disfiguring one's face or body by having cosmetic surgery. Discuss.*

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*image / plastic surgery / nose job / eye reshaping / surgeons / turning point / careers / recommending / cosmetic / dangers / potentially dangerous / pretty face / suicide*

### True / False

- The article says South Koreans invented double-jaw surgery. T / F
- The article says people who have jaw surgery also have a nose job. T / F
- The article says many people really want a square-shaped jaw. T / F
- Many Korean celebrities say they have benefitted from jaw surgery. T / F
- Many doctors do not advise having jaw surgery to look better. T / F
- One doctor warned that double-jaw surgery can be very dangerous. T / F
- The doctor said those with dental problems shouldn't have the surgery. T / F
- One woman said she couldn't feel her jaw since the operation. T / F

### Synonym Match

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. procedure      | a. carve        |
| 2. enhance        | b. worrying     |
| 3. showing off    | c. watershed    |
| 4. sculpt         | d. difficulties |
| 5. turning point  | e. beautifying  |
| 6. recommending   | f. operation    |
| 7. cosmetic       | g. parading     |
| 8. disturbing     | h. defects      |
| 9. flaws          | i. improve      |
| 10. complications | j. advocating   |

### Discussion – Student A

- What's the difference between cosmetic and plastic surgery?
- Would having better looks change your life in any way?
- What laws should there be regarding cosmetic surgery?
- People do not need to be doctors to administer Botox. Is this OK?
- Should patients be able to sue doctors if the surgery doesn't make them look as good as they wanted to look?
- Is cosmetic surgery a sign that the world is going crazy?
- Do you think cosmetic surgery is dangerous?
- What questions would you like to ask someone who wants the surgery?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the latest procedure  | a. "V-shaped" jawline   |
| 2. enhance               | b. dental flaws         |
| 3. requiring months of   | c. in their careers     |
| 4. sculpt the coveted    | d. out of my mouth      |
| 5. a "turning point"     | e. complications        |
| 6. having the surgery    | f. in plastic surgery   |
| 7. people with no real   | g. terribly wrong       |
| 8. surgery going         | h. their looks          |
| 9. saliva keeps dripping | i. for cosmetic reasons |
| 10. post-surgery         | j. painful recovery     |

## Discussion – Student B

- Are you happy with your looks?
- What do you think of the idea of having your jaw reshaped?
- Have you ever been under the knife?
- What is the "perfect" jaw?
- If you had plastic surgery, what would you have done?
- Do people care too much about their looks?
- How could a reshaped jaw be a career turning point?
- What questions would you like to ask a cosmetic surgeon?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. g	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. b	9. h	10. ds

## Role Play

### Role A – Model

You are a model. You are very beautiful/handsome but you want a V-shaped jaw. Tell the others three reasons why you are having the double-jaw surgery. You totally trust your cosmetic surgeon (X) and do not believe the horror stories you've heard of post-surgery complications.

### Role B – Dental surgeon

You are shocked the model is considering having double-jaw surgery. Tell the others three reasons why. The model already has perfect looks. (S)he could destroy his/her career if the operation goes wrong. The months after the surgery are very painful. X is not a qualified medical doctor.

### Role C – X (Cosmetic surgeon)

You think the model should have the double-jaw operation. Tell the others three reasons why. None of your patients (including Jo) has ever had any complications. They are all so happy with their V-shaped jaws. The recovery process is two months at most and is not so painful.

### Role D – Jo (Former model)

You were a model but had to quit after your double-jaw operation resulted in complications. Your cosmetic surgeon (X) lied to you. You have never recovered. Your jawline is now slanted and your mouth is numb. You cannot close your mouth properly. Tell the model not to have the op.

## Speaking - Enhance

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things you most want to look better at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • nose  | • stomach |
| • skin  | • bottom  |
| • hair  | • eyes    |
| • teeth | • ears    |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	T	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.