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Palm surgery to change your future

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THE READING

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People in Japan are having surgery on their hands to change their future. The Japanese believe in palm reading. They spend big money (from \$70) on palm readers. Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms because they mean a bad future. The 15-minute operation costs \$1,000. It changes the length and shape of the lines. People want a brighter future. An electric knife burns love or happiness lines on the palm. The scar takes a month to heal.

Doctors say changing palm lines does not work. It cannot change your future because it is unnatural. A palm reader agrees and said he was surprised about this. He said the real lines cannot change. He said only physical action can change the future - exercise to get healthy. People who had the surgery say their life changed. A Tokyo doctor changed a patient's wedding line, and then she got married. Other patients won the lottery after having a longer fortune line.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2363917/Palm-surgery-rise-Japan-people-seek-alter-lines-improve-fortune.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. having | a. money |
| 2. The Japanese believe | b. shape of the lines |
| 3. spend big | c. a month to heal |
| 4. The 15-minute | d. future |
| 5. the length and | e. operation costs \$1,000 |
| 6. electric | f. happiness lines |
| 7. a brighter | g. surgery |
| 8. The scar takes | h. in palm reading |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Doctors say changing palm lines | a. married |
| 2. he was surprised | b. does not work |
| 3. only physical action can | c. fortune line |
| 4. exercise to | d. say their life changed |
| 5. People who had the surgery | e. about this |
| 6. she got | f. lottery |
| 7. won the | g. get healthy |
| 8. having a longer | h. change the future |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in Japan are having surgery (1) _____
change their future. The Japanese (2) _____.
They (3) _____ (from \$70) on palm readers.
Many people are unhappy with the lines on their palms because
they (4) _____. The 15-minute operation costs
\$1,000. It changes the (5) _____ of the lines.
People want a brighter future. An electric knife burns love or
happiness lines on the palm. The scar
(6) _____.

Doctors say changing palm lines (7) _____. It
cannot change your future because (8) _____.
A palm reader agrees and said he was
(9) _____. He said the real lines cannot change.
He said only physical action can change the future -
(10) _____ healthy. People who had the
surgery say their life changed. A Tokyo doctor changed a
(11) _____, and then she got married. Other
patients (12) _____ after having a longer
fortune line.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
