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## **Level 2**

### **Heavy metal headbanging can damage brain**

**8th July, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140708-headbanging-2.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140708-headbanging-2.html>

German doctors have warned that headbanging could be bad for you. Headbanging is a dance from heavy metal music. Dancers shake their heads backwards and forwards, from side to side, very quickly. Doctors say the dance could lead to brain injury. They recently treated a 50-year-old heavy metal fan. His headbanging led to brain damage. The man had no history of head injuries but had been headbanging for many years. The doctors said the risk of brain damage from headbanging was low. They said heavy metal fans do not need to stop doing the dance.

The man had bad headaches after going to a concert. He had a brain scan at a hospital. Doctors found bleeding inside his brain. He had an operation to repair the damage. Doctors drilled a hole in his brain to release the blood. Two months later, his headaches disappeared. The head doctor said: "We are not against headbanging. The risk of injury is very, very low. If our patient had gone to a classical concert, this would not have happened." He said heavy metal fans should carry on dancing, saying: "Rock 'n' roll will never die. Heavy metal fans should rock on."

Sources: <http://gulfnews.com/arts-entertainment/celebrity/hollywood/heavy-metal-can-be-hazardous-to-your-brain-doctors-1.1355980>  
<http://www.nhs.uk/news/2014/07July/Pages/Headbanging-could-damage-your-Motorhead.aspx>  
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/279105.php>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140708-headbanging-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. doctors have warned that headbanging | a. doing the dance      |
| 2. Headbanging is a dance from          | b. lead to brain injury |
| 3. Dancers shake their heads backwards  | c. headbanging was low. |
| 4. from side                            | d. heavy metal music    |
| 5. the dance could                      | e. to side              |
| 6. The man had no history               | f. could be bad         |
| 7. the risk of brain damage from        | g. of head injuries     |
| 8. fans do not need to stop             | h. and forwards         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--|---------------------------|
| 1. The man had bad headaches after     | a. to release the blood   |
| 2. Doctors found bleeding              | b. to a classical concert |
| 3. He had an operation to              | c. inside his brain       |
| 4. Doctors drilled a hole in his brain | d. very, very low         |
| 5. Two months later, his               | e. going to a concert     |
| 6. The risk of injury is               | f. rock on                |
| 7. If our patient had gone             | g. repair the damage      |
| 8. Heavy metal fans should             | h. headaches disappeared  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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German doctors (1) \_\_\_\_\_ headbanging could be bad for you. Headbanging is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ metal music. Dancers shake their heads backwards and forwards, from side (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Doctors say the dance could lead to brain injury. They recently treated a 50-year-old heavy metal fan. His headbanging (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The man had no history of head injuries but had been headbanging for many years. The doctors said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ damage from headbanging was low. They said heavy metal fans do not need to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The man (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after going to a concert. He had a brain scan at a hospital. Doctors found (8) \_\_\_\_\_ brain. He had an operation to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Doctors drilled a hole in his brain to release the blood. Two months later, his headaches disappeared. The head doctor said: "We are not against headbanging. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_, very low. If our patient had gone to a classical concert, this would (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He said heavy metal fans should carry on dancing, saying: "Rock 'n' roll will never die. Heavy metal (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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