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Women are better doctors but get paid less

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new study shows that female doctors are better than male doctors, but get less pay. Researchers looked at over three million medical records for hospitalizations and for readmissions (people who had to stay in hospital a second time). The percentages of readmissions and mortality (deaths) were lower if the doctor was female. Mortality rates were 15.02 per cent and readmission rates were 11.07 per cent for female doctors, compared with 15.57 per cent mortality and 11.49 per cent readmission rates for patients of male doctors.

The researchers did not say why women gave better care to patients than men. Researcher Dr. Ashish Jha said many lives could be saved in the USA every year if male doctors did as well as female doctors. He said: "We estimate that approximately 32,000 fewer patients would die if male physicians [got] the same [results] as female physicians." He also said it was wrong that men got paid more than women, because women were better at their jobs. Dr Jha added, "We need to understand why these differences exist...and figure out how to translate it" to cover all doctors.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. female doctors | a. a second time |
| 2. get less | b. records |
| 3. three million medical | c. of readmissions |
| 4. people who had to stay in hospital | d. rates |
| 5. The percentages | e. are better |
| 6. lower if the doctor was | f. of male doctors |
| 7. Mortality | g. pay |
| 8. patients | h. female |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. The researchers did not say | a. saved |
| 2. women gave better | b. exist |
| 3. many lives could be | c. would die |
| 4. if male doctors did as well | d. was wrong |
| 5. approximately 32,000 fewer patients | e. why |
| 6. got the same | f. care |
| 7. He also said it | g. results |
| 8. understand why these differences | h. as female doctors |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new (1) _____ female doctors are better than male doctors, but (2) _____. Researchers looked at over three million (3) _____ hospitalizations and for readmissions (people (4) _____ in hospital a second time). The percentages of readmissions and mortality (deaths) (5) _____ doctor was female. Mortality rates were 15.02 per cent and readmission rates were 11.07 per cent for female doctors, compared with 15.57 per cent mortality and 11.49 per cent readmission (6) _____ of male doctors.

The researchers (7) _____ women gave better care to patients than men. Researcher Dr. Ashish Jha said many lives could (8) _____ USA every year if male doctors did as well as female doctors. He said: "(9) _____ approximately 32,000 fewer patients (10) _____ physicians [got] the same [results] as female physicians." He also said it was wrong that men got paid more than women, because women (11) _____ their jobs. Dr Jha added, "We need to understand why these differences exist...(12) _____ to translate it" to cover all doctors.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DOCTORS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about doctors 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

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