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73-year-old woman gives birth to twins

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THE READING

Is 73 too old to have a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has had twins. She said becoming a mother for the first time was "the happiest time" of her life. She needed an operation to have the twins. The mother and her twins are in good health. The mother is recovering well after the operation. She thought she would never have children. She first tried to have a child fifty years ago but was unsuccessful. The woman thought she would be childless forever after her menopause started 25 years ago. She said not having children was painful. People called her "the childless lady".

The woman gave birth because of the method of IVF. A healthy egg from a younger woman was fertilized with her husband's sperm. The fertilized egg made her pregnant. When she found out she was having twins, she said: "This is the happiest time of my life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with her. One doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, 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 always in very safe hands.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. too old to
2. She needed an
3. The mother and her twins are in
4. The mother is recovering
5. The woman thought she would
6. her menopause started
7. She said not having children
8. People called her

a. 25 years ago
b. good health
c. "the childless lady"
d. operation
e. was painful
f. well
g. have a baby
h. be childless forever

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. A healthy egg from
2. fertilized
3. she found out she was
4. During the IVF
5. we had three groups
6. her general
7. one took care
8. she was always in very safe

a. of her pregnancy
b. having twins
c. of doctors
d. hands
e. egg
f. treatment
g. a younger woman
h. health

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Is 73 too (1) _____ a baby? A 73-year-old woman in India has had twins. She said becoming a mother (2) _____ time was "the happiest time" of her life. She needed an operation to (3) _____. The mother and her twins are in good health. The mother is recovering well after the operation. She thought (4) _____ have children. She first tried to have a child fifty years ago but was unsuccessful. The woman thought (5) _____ childless forever after her menopause started 25 years ago. She (6) _____ children was painful. People called her "the childless lady".

The woman gave birth because (7) _____ of IVF. A healthy egg from a younger woman was fertilized with her husband's sperm. The fertilized egg (8) _____. When she found out she (9) _____, she said: "This is the happiest (10) _____ life." The new mother's doctors are also happy with her. One doctor said: "During the IVF treatment, we (11) _____ 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 always in (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

Is73tooooldtohaveababy?A73-year-oldwomaninIndiahashadtwins.Shesaidbecomingamotherforthefirsttimewas"thehappiesttime"ofherlife.Sheneededanoperationtohavethetwins.Themotherandhertwinsareingoodhealth.Themotherisrecoveringwellaftertheoperation.Shethoughtshewouldneverhavechildren.Shefirsttriedtohaveachildfiftyyearsagobutwasunsuccessful.Thewomanthoughtshewouldbechildlessforeverafterhermenopausestarted25yearsago.Shesaidnothavingchildrenwaspainful.Peoplecalledher"thechildlesslady".ThewomangavebirthbecauseofthemethodofIVF.Ahealthyeggfromayoungerwomanwasfertilizedwithherhusband'ssperm.Thefertilizedeggmadeherpregnant.Whenshefoundoutshewashavingtwins,shesaid:"Thisisthehappiesttimeofmylife."Thenewmother'sdoctorsarealsohappywithher.Onedoctorsaid:"DuringtheIVFtreatment,wehadthreegroupsofdoctors.Onetookcareofhergeneralhealth,onetookcareofhernutritionalstatusandonetookcareofherpregnancy."Thedoctorsaidshewasalwaysinverysafehands.

GIVING BIRTH SURVEY

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) _____

WRITING

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

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