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Level 5 – 10th May, 2021

Woman gives birth to nine children

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210510-nonuplets-5.html>

Most of us are familiar with the terms twins, triplets and quadruplets, but do we know the word for nine babies born at a single birth? The answer is nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine babies. This is a new world record. The previous record was by an American woman who had eight babies (octuplets). People in Mali avidly followed Ms Cisse's pregnancy and wished her well. They were pleasantly surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. After having scans, Ms Cisse was told she would have seven babies (septuplets).

Ms Cisse is in good health and her babies (five boys and four girls) were doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on the "happy outcome". He praised medical teams in Morocco, where Ms Cisse gave birth. He also thanked Mali's president for his "leadership and generosity" which helped Halima. It was a little touch-and-go in the early stages of the pregnancy. Gynecologists were concerned about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of her babies' survival. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. They believed Ms Cisse would receive better pre- and postnatal care.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-56994408>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Most of us are familiar | a. record |
| 2. twins, triplets | b. (septuplets) |
| 3. nine babies born | c. Ms Cisse's pregnancy |
| 4. This is a new world | d. with the terms |
| 5. eight babies | e. surprised |
| 6. People in Mali avidly followed | f. and quadruplets |
| 7. They were pleasantly | g. (octuplets) |
| 8. have seven babies | h. at a single birth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ms Cisse is in | a. and-go |
| 2. Mali's health | b. in Morocco for help |
| 3. It was a little touch- | c. of the pregnancy |
| 4. in the early stages | d. and postnatal care |
| 5. concerned about | e. good health |
| 6. the chances of her | f. Ms Cisse's welfare |
| 7. They asked a hospital | g. babies' survival |
| 8. receive better pre- | h. minister |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ms Cisse is (7) _____ and her babies (five boys and four girls) were doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on (8) _____. He praised medical teams in Morocco, where Ms Cisse gave birth. He also thanked Mali's president (9) _____ and generosity" which helped Halima. It was a little (10) _____ in the early stages of the pregnancy. Gynecologists were concerned about Ms Cisse's welfare and (11) _____ her babies' survival. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. They believed Ms Cisse would receive better pre- (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NONUPLETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210510-nonuplets-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about nonuplets 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) _____

