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Level 1 – 13th January, 2022

Man gets first ever pig-heart transplant

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220113-pig-heart-transplant-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220113-pig-heart-transplant-1.html>

Doctors transplanted a pig's heart into a man for the first time. The man is 57 and was very ill. The pig's heart was his only chance of staying alive. He is doing well after his operation. He spoke to doctors before the operation. He said: "It was either die or do this transplant. I want to live." The pig's heart came from a genetically-modified pig. Scientists changed the pig's genes so it would work in a human.

The transplant took seven hours. Scientists have been researching animal organ transplants for many years. There could be more transplants in the future. It could bring the world, "one step closer to solving the organ shortage crisis". The man's doctor said animal organs give people, "an important new option...in the future." The man hopes his transplant will let him live longer. He said: "I look forward to getting out of bed after I recover."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-59944889>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. for the first | a. do this transplant |
| 2. his only chance | b. pig's genes |
| 3. He spoke to doctors before | c. to live |
| 4. It was either die or | d. in a human |
| 5. I want | e. of staying alive |
| 6. came from a genetically- | f. the operation |
| 7. Scientists changed the | g. time |
| 8. it would work | h. modified pig |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The transplant took | a. transplants |
| 2. researching animal | b. out of bed |
| 3. for many | c. seven hours |
| 4. There could be more | d. crisis |
| 5. in the | e. organ transplants |
| 6. solving the organ shortage | f. future |
| 7. let him live | g. years |
| 8. I look forward to getting | h. longer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Doctors transplanted a pig's heart (1) _____ for the first time. The man is 57 and (2) _____. The pig's heart was (3) _____ of staying alive. He is doing well after his operation. He spoke to doctors before the operation. He said: "It was (4) _____ do this transplant. I want to live." The pig's heart came from a (5) _____. Scientists changed the pig's genes so it would work (6) _____.

The transplant (7) _____. Scientists have been researching animal organ transplants (8) _____. There could be more transplants (9) _____. It could bring the world, "one step closer to solving the organ shortage crisis". The (10) _____ animal organs give people, "an important new option...in the future." The man hopes his transplant (11) _____ live longer. He said: "I look forward (12) _____ of bed after I recover."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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57andwasveryill.Thepig'sheartwashisonlychanceofstayingalive.Hei
sdoingwellafterhisoperation.Hespoketodoctorsbeforetheoperation.
Hesaid:"Itwaseitherdieordothistransplant.Iwanttolive."Thepig'shea
rtcamefromagenetically-modifiedpig.Scientistschangedthepig'sge
nessoitwouldworkinahuman.Thetransplanttooksevenhours.Scienti
stshavebeenresearchinganimalorgantransplantsformanyyears.The
recouldbemoretransplantsinthefuture.Itcouldbringtheworld,"onest
epclosertosolvingtheorganshortagecrisis".Theman'sdoctorsaidani
malorgansgivepeople,"animportantnewoption...inthefuture."Them
anhopeshistransplantwilllethimlivelonger.Hesaid:"Ilookforwardtog
ettingoutofbedafterIrecover."

HEART TRANSPLANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220113-pig-heart-transplant-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about heart transplants 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 **heart transplants** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
