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**Level 2** – 10th September, 2019

## 73-year-old woman gives birth to twins

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-2.html>

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.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/06/indian-woman-73-gives-birth-twin-girls-mangayamma-yaramati-andhra-pradesh>  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/71028629.cms>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. too old to                      | a. 25 years ago         |
| 2. She needed an                   | b. good health          |
| 3. The mother and her twins are in | c. "the childless lady" |
| 4. The mother is recovering        | d. operation            |
| 5. The woman thought she would     | e. was painful          |
| 6. her menopause started           | f. well                 |
| 7. She said not having children    | g. have a baby          |
| 8. People called her               | h. be childless forever |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A healthy egg from          | a. of her pregnancy |
| 2. fertilized                  | b. having twins     |
| 3. she found out she was       | c. of doctors       |
| 4. During the IVF              | d. hands            |
| 5. we had three groups         | e. egg              |
| 6. her general                 | f. treatment        |
| 7. one took care               | g. a younger woman  |
| 8. she was always in very safe | h. health           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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

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# GIVING BIRTH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-4.html>

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190910-giving-birth-2.html>

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

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