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Level 6

Gay men refused as blood donors after Orlando shooting

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Hundreds of gay men eager to give blood in the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned away by blood centers. Despite a major clinic urging people to donate blood, it was prevented by federal law from accepting donations from gay men who had been sexually active in the past year. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured, some seriously. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle to create the carnage, which is now the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York native, supposedly targeted the LGBT community at the club after being angered at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

Many in the LGBT community are now protesting against the federal policy of barring gay men from donating blood unless they had been celibate in the previous year. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be tested for HIV and other infectious diseases before it could be used. The testing process typically takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the basic qualifications, whether homosexual or heterosexual, should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most deadly act against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history, the built-in homophobia of American public health keeps the country from mounting the most effective possible response."

Sources: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/06/13/orlando-blood-bank-still-accepting-donations-wake-shooting-gay-club/85824564/>
<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/06/13/health/orlando-shooting-gay-men-donate-blood/index.html>
<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/06/homophobia-hiv-blood-ban-orlando-shooting/486818/>

WARM-UPS

1. GIVING BLOOD: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about giving blood. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

eager / shooting / turned away / blood centers / donations / assault rifle / native / community / LGBT / HIV / diseases / qualifications / homosexual / homophobia

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BLOOD: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should have to donate blood once a year; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DONATING: How useful is donating these things? How can we get people to donate more (often)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How useful?	How to get more donating going
Blood		
Money to charity		
Body organs		
Time		
Food		
Clothing		

5. KISSING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "kissing". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BANNED: Rank these with your partner. Put the thing to be banned first at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Guns
- Cigarettes
- Pornography
- Internet Pop-ups
- Nuclear weapons
- Censorship
- Selfie sticks
- Fast food

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Community centers turned away gay men wanting to donate blood. **T / F**
- b. U.S. federal law prevents sexually active men from donating blood. **T / F**
- c. The killer was due to celebrate his 29th birthday next week. **T / F**
- d. The killer was reportedly angry at two men kissing in Orlando. **T / F**
- e. The LGBT want the federal law changed so gay men can donate blood. **T / F**
- f. Testing blood for HIV usually takes around 24 hours. **T / F**
- g. A doctor said anyone should be able to donate blood if they are fit to. **T / F**
- h. The Atlantic website blamed homophobia for ineffective responses. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. eager | a. prohibiting |
| 2. despite | b. encouraging |
| 3. urging | c. singled out |
| 4. carnage | d. contagious |
| 5. targeted | e. massacre |
| 6. barring | f. keen |
| 7. infectious | g. reaction |
| 8. deadly | h. organizing |
| 9. mounting | i. regardless of |
| 10. response | j. lethal |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. eager | a. community |
| 2. a major clinic urging | b. rifle |
| 3. federal | c. people |
| 4. a semi-automatic assault | d. people to donate blood |
| 5. the deadliest mass | e. diseases |
| 6. Many in the LGBT | f. heterosexual |
| 7. infectious | g. to give blood |
| 8. homosexual or | h. response |
| 9. transgender | i. law |
| 10. the most effective possible | j. shooting in U.S. history |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Hundreds of gay men (1) _____ to give blood in the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned away by blood centers. Despite a major clinic (2) _____ people to donate blood, it was prevented by federal law from accepting (3) _____ from gay men who had been sexually (4) _____ in the past year. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured, some (5) _____. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle to create the (6) _____, which is now the deadliest (7) _____ shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York native, (8) _____ targeted the LGBT community at the club after being angered at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

active
carnage
supposedly
urging
eager
seriously
donations
mass

Many in the LGBT community are now (9) _____ against the federal policy of barring gay men from donating blood unless they had been (10) _____ in the previous year. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be tested for HIV and other (11) _____ diseases before it could be used. The testing process (12) _____ takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who (13) _____ the basic qualifications, whether homosexual or heterosexual, should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most (14) _____ act against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history, the built-in (15) _____ of American public health keeps the country from mounting the most (16) _____ possible response."

infectious
typically
celibate
homophobia
protesting
effective
deadly
meets

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

- 1) Despite a major clinic urging people to _____
 - a. donates blood
 - b. donate blood
 - c. donating blood
 - d. donation blood
- 2) prevented by federal law from accepting donations from gay men who had _____
 - a. been sexually actively
 - b. been sexually inactive
 - c. been sexually proactive
 - d. been sexually active
- 3) The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured, _____
 - a. some seriously
 - b. sum seriously
 - c. same seriously
 - d. some serious
- 4) The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle to _____
 - a. create the carnage
 - b. create the carriage
 - c. create the car niche
 - d. create the damage
- 5) targeted the LGBT community at the club after being angered at seeing _____
 - a. two men kissed
 - b. two women kissing
 - c. two women kiss in
 - d. two men kissing
- 6) Many in the LGBT community are now protesting against _____
 - a. the federalist policy
 - b. the federal policies
 - c. the federal policy
 - d. the federalist policies
- 7) Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be tested for HIV and other _____
 - a. infection disease
 - b. infectious diseases
 - c. infectious disease
 - d. infectious diseases
- 8) The Atlantic said: "Even after the _____"
 - a. most deadly acts
 - b. most deadly act
 - c. most deadly action
 - d. most dead act
- 9) the built-in homophobia of American _____
 - a. publics health
 - b. publicly health
 - c. public health
 - d. public healthy
- 10) keeps the country from mounting the most effective _____
 - a. possible response
 - b. possibly response
 - c. possible responses
 - d. possible responsive

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Hundreds of (1) _____ give blood in the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned away by blood centers. Despite a major clinic (2) _____ donate blood, it was prevented by federal law from accepting donations from gay men who had been (3) _____ the past year. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured, (4) _____. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle to create the carnage, which is now the deadliest (5) _____ U.S. history. Mateen, a New York native, supposedly targeted the LGBT community at the club after (6) _____ seeing two men kissing in Miami.

Many in the LGBT community are now protesting (7) _____ policy of barring gay men from donating blood unless they had been celibate in (8) _____. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be tested for HIV and other (9) _____ before it could be used. The testing process typically takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the (10) _____, whether homosexual or heterosexual, should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most (11) _____ gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history, the built-in homophobia of American public health keeps the country from mounting the (12) _____ response."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

1. Who turned away hundreds of gay men wanting to donate blood?
2. How old was Mateen?
3. Which state was Mateen a native of?
4. Who did the killer target?
5. What was the killer reported to be angry at seeing?
6. What are people in the LGBT community protesting against?
7. How long does it usually take to test blood for HIV?
8. What did a doctor say people had to meet to be able to give blood?
9. Who called the attack the most deadly act against the LGBT community?
10. What was said to hold back, "the most effective possible response"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

- 1) Who turned away hundreds of gay men wanting to donate blood?
 - a) nurses
 - b) the LGBT community
 - c) blood centers
 - d) the police
- 2) How old was Mateen?
 - a) 29
 - b) 39
 - c) 34
 - d) 24
- 3) Which state was Mateen a native of?
 - a) Washington
 - b) New York
 - c) Florida
 - d) Texas
- 4) Who did the killer target?
 - a) gay men
 - b) lesbians
 - c) transgender people
 - d) the LGBT community
- 5) What was the killer reported to be angry at seeing?
 - a) the nightclub
 - b) a magazine
 - c) two men kissing
 - d) two women kissing
- 6) What are people in the LGBT community protesting against?
 - a) guns
 - b) a federal law
 - c) inequality in the workplace
 - d) the killer
- 7) How long does it usually take to test blood for HIV?
 - a) 1 ½ days
 - b) 18 hours
 - c) 24 days
 - d) 24 hours
- 8) What did a doctor say people had to meet to be able to give blood?
 - a) pain
 - b) basic qualifications
 - c) a doctor
 - d) a certain level of income
- 9) Who called the attack the most deadly act against the LGBT community?
 - a) The Baltic
 - b) The Atlantic
 - c) The Pacific
 - d) The Arctic
- 10) What was said to hold back, "the most effective possible response"?
 - a) homophobia in U.S. public health
 - b) traffic
 - c) laws
 - d) a lack of blood

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Role A – Guns

You think guns are the top things to be banned. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these should not be banned (and why): pornography, nuclear weapons or fast food.

Role B – Pornography

You think pornography is the top thing to be banned. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these should not be banned (and why): guns, nuclear weapons or fast food.

Role C – Nuclear weapons

You think nuclear weapons are the top things to be banned. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these should not be banned (and why): pornography, guns or fast food.

Role D – Fast food

You think fast food is the top thing to be banned. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these should not be banned (and why): pornography, nuclear weapons or guns.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'blood' and 'donation'.

blood	donation

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hundreds• major• seriously• rifle• mass• seeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• tested• used• able• built• effective
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GIVING BLOOD SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Write five GOOD questions about giving blood 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.

GIVING BLOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the term 'blood donor'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. Should the law be changed so gay men can give blood?
5. What do you think of donating blood?
6. Should people get paid for donating blood?
7. When will shootings like this stop?
8. Have you ever (or would you) give blood?
9. How important is it to be a blood donor?
10. Would you donate other parts of your body for medical purposes?

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GIVING BLOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What can people do to protest against the blood donation ban?
13. Is it unfair that gay men cannot donate blood?
14. Do you agree with what Dr Stanton said about anyone giving blood?
15. Should Florida have let gay men donate blood for the Orlando victims?
16. Why does homophobia exist?
17. What can society do to reduce homophobia?
18. What do you know about blood?
19. Why is the ban in place if all blood is tested for HIV and other diseases?
20. What questions would you like to ask an expert on blood donation?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) eager | (b) eagerly | (c) eagerness | (d) egger |
| 2. | (a) In Spite | (b) Spite | (c) Despite | (d) Dispute |
| 3. | (a) inactive | (b) actively | (c) active | (d) activate |
| 4. | (a) departed | (b) remained | (c) stayed | (d) left |
| 5. | (a) mess | (b) miss | (c) mass | (d) moss |
| 6. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) to | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) bared | (b) barring | (c) barred | (d) baring |
| 8. | (a) celebrity | (b) celibate | (c) celery | (d) celebrate |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) attends | (b) learns | (c) rules | (d) meets |
| 11. | (a) Event | (b) Ever | (c) Eventually | (d) Even |
| 12. | (a) possibilities | (b) possibly | (c) possibility | (d) possible |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a major clinic inurrg people to donate blood
2. prevented by federal law from iccatngep donations
3. 53 durejni, some seriously
4. a semi-automatic sasutla rifle
5. a New York ivnaet
6. syupodsepl targeted the LGBT community

Paragraph 2

7. federal yocilp
8. other etocsinufi diseases
9. Anybody who meets the basic ictuilqsoinaaf
10. edartrgnesn people
11. the built-in bihhoopoma
12. the most effective possible respeons

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () act against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history, the built-in homophobia
- () law from accepting donations from gay men who had been sexually active in the past year. The shooting
- () away by blood centers. Despite a major clinic urging people to donate blood, it was prevented by federal
- () about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the basic qualifications, whether homosexual or
- () automatic assault rifle to create the carnage, which is now the deadliest mass
- (**1**) Hundreds of gay men eager to give blood in the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned
- () heterosexual, should be able to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most deadly
- () Many in the LGBT community are now protesting against the federal policy of barring gay men from
- () donating blood unless they had been celibate in the previous year. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be
- () on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 injured, some seriously. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-
- () of American public health keeps the country from mounting the most effective possible response."
- () tested for HIV and other infectious diseases before it could be used. The testing process typically takes
- () shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York native, supposedly targeted the LGBT
- () community at the club after being angered at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

1. accepting by donations federal It law was from prevented .
2. people Sunday dead morning The left shooting 50 on .
3. carnage rifle semi assault create the - automatic Used a to .
4. . history Now the deadliest mass shooting in U.S.
5. at after Targeted community club angered LGBT the being the .
6. LGBT now the The are against policy community protesting federal .
7. from donating blood unless they had been celibate Barring gay men .
8. testing The hours 24 about takes typically process .
9. American - public in health homophobia The of built .
10. effective most the Mounting response possible .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160616-giving-blood.html>

Hundreds of gay men *eager / eagerly* to give blood in the *woke / wake* of the Orlando nightclub shooting have been turned *away / up* by blood centers. Despite a major clinic *urging / surging* people to donate blood, it was prevented by federal law from accepting donations from gay men who had been sexually active in the *passed / past* year. The shooting on Sunday morning left 50 people dead and 53 *injury / injured*, some seriously. The killer, Omar Mateen, 29, used a semi-automatic assault rifle *to / for* create the carnage, which is now the deadliest *mess / mass* shooting in U.S. history. Mateen, a New York *native / novice*, supposedly targeted the LGBT community at the club after being *angered / anger* at seeing two men kissing in Miami.

Many in the LGBT community are now *protecting / protesting* against the federal policy of barring gay men from donating blood *unless / until* they had been celibate in the previous year. Dr Ryan Stanton said donated blood must be tested *as / for* HIV and other infectious diseases *after / before* it could be used. The testing process *typically / typical* takes about 24 hours. He said: "Anybody who meets the *basically / basic* qualifications, whether homosexual or heterosexual, should be *ability / able* to donate blood." The Atlantic said: "Even after the most *deadly / death* act against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in American history, the built-in *homophobic / homophobia* of American public health keeps the country from mounting the most *effective / effect* possible response."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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H_ ndr_ ds _f g_ y m_ n __g_ r_ t_ g_ v_ bl__ d _n th_ w_ k_ _f th_ _rl_ nd_ n_ ghtcl_ b sh__ t_ ng h_ v_ b__ n_ t_ rn_ d_ _w_ y_ by bl__ d_ c_ nt_ rs. D_ sp_ t_ __ m_ j_ r_ cl_ n_ c_ rg_ ng_ p__ pl_ t_ d_ n_ t_ bl__ d, _t w_ s_ pr_ v_ nt_ d_ by f_ d_ r_ l_ l_ w_ fr_ m_ _cc_ pt_ ng_ d_ n_ t_ ns_ fr_ m_ g_ y_ m_ n_ wh_ h_ d_ b__ n_ s_ x__ lly _ct_ v_ _n th_ p_ st_ y__ r. Th_ sh__ t_ ng_ _n_ S_ nd_ y_ m_ rn_ ng_ l_ ft_ 50_ p__ pl_ d__ d_ _nd_ 53_ _nj_ r_ d, s_ m_ s_ r__ sly. Th_ k_ ll_ r, _m_ r_ M_ t__ n, 29, _s_ d_ __ s_ m_ -__ t_ m_ t_ c_ ss_ lt_ r_ fl_ t_ cr__ t_ th_ c_ rn_ g_ , wh_ ch_ s_ n_ w_ th_ d__ dl__ st_ m_ ss_ sh__ t_ ng_ _n_ .S. h_ st_ ry. M_ t__ n, _ N_ w_ Y_ rk_ n_ t_ v_ , s_ pp_ s_ dly_ t_ rg_ t_ d_ th_ LGBT_ c_ mm_ n_ ty_ t_ th_ cl_ b_ _ft_ r_ b__ ng_ _ng_ r_ d_ _t_ s__ ng_ tw_ m_ n_ k_ ss_ ng_ _n_ M__ m_ .

M_ ny_ _n th_ LGBT_ c_ mm_ n_ ty_ _r_ n_ w_ pr_ t_ st_ ng_ _g__ nst_ th_ f_ d_ r_ l_ p_ l_ cy_ _f_ b_ rr_ ng_ g_ y_ m_ n_ fr_ m_ d_ n_ t_ ng_ bl__ d_ _nl_ ss_ th_ y_ h_ d_ b__ n_ c_ l_ b_ t_ _n th_ pr_ v__ s_ y__ r. Dr_ Ry_ n_ St_ nt_ n_ s__ d_ d_ n_ t_ d_ bl__ d_ m_ st_ b_ t_ st_ d_ f_ r_ H_ V_ _nd_ th_ r_ _nf_ ct__ s_ d_ s__ s_ s_ b_ f_ r_ _t_ c_ ld_ b_ _s_ d. Th_ t_ st_ ng_ pr_ c_ ss_ typ_ c_ lly_ t_ k_ s_ _b__ t_ 24_ h__ rs. H_ s__ d: "_nyb_ dy_ wh_ m__ ts_ th_ b_ s_ c_ q_ l_ f_ c_ t__ ns, wh_ th_ r_ h_ m_ s_ x__ l_ _r_ h_ t_ r_ s_ x__ l, sh__ ld_ b_ _bl_ t_ d_ n_ t_ bl__ d." Th_ _tl_ nt_ c_ s__ d: "_v_ n_ ft_ r_ th_ m_ st_ d__ dly_ ct_ g__ nst_ g_ y, l_ sb__ n, b_ s_ x__ l, _nd_ tr_ ns_ g_ nd_ r_ p__ pl_ _n_ _m_ r_ c_ n_ h_ st_ ry, th_ b__ lt_ _n_ h_ m_ ph_ b__ _f_ _m_ r_ c_ n_ p_ bl_ c_ h__ lth_ k__ ps_ th_ c__ ntry_ fr_ m_ m__ nt_ ng_ th_ m_ st_ _ff_ ct_ v_ p_ ss_ bl_ r_ sp_ ns_ ."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **giving blood** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Everyone should have to give blood once a year. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. BLOOD: Search the Internet and find out more about blood. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BLOOD DONATION: Make a poster about blood donation. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BANNING ALL GUNS: Write a magazine article about banning all guns. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on gun control. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. eager | a. keen |
| 2. despite | b. regardless of |
| 3. urging | c. encouraging |
| 4. carnage | d. massacre |
| 5. targeted | e. singled out |
| 6. barring | f. prohibiting |
| 7. infectious | g. contagious |
| 8. deadly | h. lethal |
| 9. mounting | i. organizing |
| 10. response | j. reaction |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Blood centers
2. 29
3. New York
4. The LGBT community
5. Two men kissing
6. A federal law
7. 24 hours
8. Basic qualifications
9. The Atlantic
10. Homophobia in U.S. public health

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)