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## Level 6

### Women stranded at airport after cosmetic surgery

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# THE ARTICLE

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Three Chinese women were left stranded at a South Korean airport after immigration officials said their passport photos did not match their faces. The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their looks. The surgery had transformed their faces to such an extent that passport control officials in South Korea could not confirm their identity. Photos of the women went viral on the Internet. Their faces were swollen from the surgery and were heavily bandaged. The Shanghaiist.com website reported that the women were not allowed to take their return flight back to China, and were instead held for questioning by the airport authorities. It is still unclear if the women have been able to return to China.

South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery capital of the world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now booming business. More than 500,000 Chinese residents a year flock to clinics in South Korea to reshape their faces and bodies. Many of them go to clinics that specialize in making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also hugely popular with South Koreans. Around half of women under 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated to have had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to undergo surgery in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job market. There are even hugely popular prime time TV shows that feature before and after transformations.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/women-turned-away-flight-south-korea-plastic-surgery-passport-photo-airport-refuse-boarding-a7992106.html>  
<http://shanghaiist.com/2017/10/10/south-korea-plastic-surgery.php>  
<https://www.seoultouchup.com/plastic-surgery-in-korea/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. COSMETIC SURGERY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cosmetic surgery. 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?

airport / immigration / passport photos / faces / cosmetic surgery / identity / flight / capital / booming / business / clinics / popular / encourage / efforts / competitive

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

**3. NATURAL IS BEST:** Students A **strongly** believe the face and body we are born with is best and we don't need cosmetic surgery; Students B **strongly** believe cosmetic surgery is great. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. COSMETIC SURGERY:** What do you know about these kinds of cosmetic surgery? Would you try them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What do you know?	Would you try it?
Double eyelids		
Facelift		
Nose job		
Tummy tuck		
Hair replacement		
Liposuction		

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

**6. LOOKS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that most affect looks at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hair
- height
- nose
- stomach size
- eyes
- ears
- teeth
- skin

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

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

- a. Police could not match passport photos with air passengers' faces. **T / F**
- b. Immigration officials could not identify three women at an airport. **T / F**
- c. The women's faces were both swollen and bandaged. **T / F**
- d. The three women do not know when they can go back to China. **T / F**
- e. China is the cosmetic surgery capital of the world. **T / F**
- f. Half a million Chinese have cosmetic surgery in S. Korea every year. **T / F**
- g. The article says half of South Korean women have had cosmetic surgery. **T / F**
- h. The article says parents are telling kids not to have cosmetic surgery. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1. stranded</b>         | a. have          |
| <b>2. looks</b>            | b. enlarged      |
| <b>3. extent</b>           | c. up in the air |
| <b>4. swollen</b>          | d. extremely     |
| <b>5. unclear</b>          | e. helpless      |
| <b>6. capital</b>          | f. reckoned      |
| <b>7. hugely</b>           | g. degree        |
| <b>8. estimated</b>        | h. changes       |
| <b>9. undergo</b>          | i. appearance    |
| <b>10. transformations</b> | j. metropolis    |

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

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Three Chinese women were left       | a. to clinics         |
| 2. immigration                         | b. swollen            |
| 3. to such an                          | c. with South Koreans |
| 4. Their faces were                    | d. extent             |
| 5. held for                            | e. business           |
| 6. booming                             | f. stranded           |
| 7. flock                               | g. surgery            |
| 8. hugely popular                      | h. officials          |
| 9. encourage their children to undergo | i. edge               |
| 10. gain a competitive                 | j. questioning        |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

Three Chinese women were left (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at a South Korean airport after immigration (2) \_\_\_\_\_ said their passport photos did not (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their faces. The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their looks. The surgery had transformed their faces to such an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that passport control officials in South Korea could not confirm their (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Photos of the women went viral on the Internet. Their faces were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from the surgery and were heavily bandaged. The Shanghaiist.com website reported that the women were not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to take their return flight back to China, and were instead held for questioning by the airport authorities. It is still (8) \_\_\_\_\_ if the women have been able to return to China.

*match*  
*swollen*  
*extent*  
*unclear*  
*stranded*  
*allowed*  
*officials*  
*identity*

South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Cosmetic surgery (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from China is now booming business. More than 500,000 Chinese (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a year flock to clinics in South Korea to reshape their faces and bodies. Many of them go to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that specialize in making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also (13) \_\_\_\_\_ popular with South Koreans. Around half of women under 30 in the capital Seoul are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to have had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ surgery in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job market. There are even hugely popular (16) \_\_\_\_\_ time TV shows that feature before and after transformations.

*residents*  
*estimated*  
*capital*  
*prime*  
*hugely*  
*tourism*  
*undergo*  
*clinics*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

- 1) immigration officials said their passport photos did not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. march their faces
  - b. much their faces
  - c. match their faces
  - d. mach their faces
- 2) The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their locks
  - b. their looks
  - c. their licks
  - d. their leaks
- 3) passport control officials in South Korea could not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. confirm their identify
  - b. confirm their eye dent a tea
  - c. confirm their I dentistry
  - d. confirm their identity
- 4) Their faces were swollen from the surgery and were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heavily bandaged
  - b. heavily damaged
  - c. heavily band aged
  - d. heavily ban judged
- 5) and were instead held for questioning by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. airport's authority
  - b. airport authorize
  - c. airport authority
  - d. airport authorities
- 6) South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. capitalists of the world
  - b. capitalize of the world
  - c. capital of the world
  - d. cap it all of the world
- 7) Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. boom in business
  - b. boo mine business
  - c. boom Ming business
  - d. booming business
- 8) Cosmetic surgery is also hugely \_\_\_\_\_ South Koreans
  - a. popular with
  - b. popular within
  - c. popular without
  - d. popular wither
- 9) Around half of women under 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have had sugary
  - b. have had surge airy
  - c. have had surgery
  - d. have had Sir Jerry
- 10) There are even hugely popular \_\_\_\_\_ shows
  - a. prime time TV
  - b. brine time TV
  - c. prim time TV
  - d. brim time TV

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

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South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery (7) \_\_\_\_\_ world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now booming business. More than 500,000 Chinese residents a year (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in South Korea to reshape their faces and bodies. Many of them (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that specialize in making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with South Koreans. Around half of women under 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated to have had surgery. Many parents encourage their children (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job market. There are even hugely (12) \_\_\_\_\_ TV shows that feature before and after transformations.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

1. How many women are stranded at a South Korean airport?
2. What could immigration officials not confirm regarding the women?
3. What were the women's faces covered in?
4. What were the women held for?
5. When will the women be able to return to China?
6. Where is the cosmetic surgery capital of the world?
7. How many Chinese visit South Korea each year for cosmetic surgery?
8. How many South Korean women under 30 have had cosmetic surgery?
9. What might cosmetic surgery give young people in the job market?
10. What do prime time TV shows feature regarding cosmetic surgery?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

- 1) How many women are stranded at a South Korean airport?
  - a) 6
  - b) 5
  - c) 4
  - d) 3
- 2) What could immigration officials not confirm regarding the women?
  - a) their address
  - b) their identity
  - c) their passport number
  - d) their reason for visiting
- 3) What were the women's faces covered in?
  - a) bruises
  - b) tattoos
  - c) bandages
  - d) veils
- 4) What were the women held for?
  - a) questioning
  - b) 5 days
  - c) rehabilitation
  - d) medical care
- 5) When will the women be able to return to China?
  - a) when the surgery is reversed
  - b) the day after tomorrow
  - c) it is still unclear
  - d) after their bruises disappear
- 6) Where is the cosmetic surgery capital of the world?
  - a) China
  - b) South Korea
  - c) Brazil
  - d) USA
- 7) How many Chinese visit South Korea each year for cosmetic surgery?
  - a) just fewer than 500,000
  - b) exactly 500,000
  - c) around 500,000
  - d) over half a million
- 8) How many South Korean women under 30 have had cosmetic surgery?
  - a) around half
  - b) three-quarters
  - c) two-fifths
  - d) a third
- 9) What might cosmetic surgery give young people in the job market?
  - a) a job
  - b) hope
  - c) a competitive edge
  - d) a higher salary
- 10) What do prime time TV shows feature regarding cosmetic surgery?
  - a) things that go wrong
  - b) before and after transformations
  - c) surgeons' lives
  - d) surgical techniques

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

## **Role A – Hair**

You think hair is the most important feature of our looks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): height, eyes or teeth.

## **Role B – Height**

You think height is the most important feature of our looks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): hair, eyes or teeth.

## **Role C – Eyes**

You think eyes are the most important feature of our looks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): height, hair or teeth.

## **Role D – Teeth**

You think teeth are the most important feature of our looks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): height, eyes or hair.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

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

<b>cosmetic</b>	<b>surgery</b>
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- 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"><li>• left</li><li>• match</li><li>• such</li><li>• heavily</li><li>• still</li><li>• look</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• capital</li><li>• flock</li><li>• clients</li><li>• 30</li><li>• gain</li><li>• time</li></ul>
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# COSMETIC SURGERY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cosmetic surgery 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.

# **COSMETIC SURGERY DISCUSSION**

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'cosmetic'?
3. What do you think of cosmetic surgery?
4. Why do people have cosmetic surgery?
5. What do you think of the term 'plastic surgery'?
6. What are the dangers of cosmetic surgery?
7. What do you think of your passport photo?
8. What do you think will happen to the women?
9. Would you ever have cosmetic surgery?
10. What problems would you have if your whole face changed?

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# **COSMETIC SURGERY DISCUSSION**

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'surgery'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What advice do you have for someone who wants cosmetic surgery?
15. How popular is cosmetic surgery in your country?
16. Why would Asian women want a 'Western' look?
17. Do good-looking people do better in life?
18. What one part of your face or body would you change?
19. What do you think of the 'before and after' TV show?
20. What questions would you like to ask the women?

# 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) strands  | (b) stranded | (c) strand    | (d) stood   |
| 2.  | (a) mach     | (b) match    | (c) mulch     | (d) march   |
| 3.  | (a) the      | (b) as       | (c) by        | (d) an      |
| 4.  | (a) gave     | (b) went     | (c) took      | (d) caught  |
| 5.  | (a) heavier  | (b) heavenly | (c) heaving   | (d) heavily |
| 6.  | (a) steadily | (b) steady   | (c) instead   | (d) stead   |
| 7.  | (a) booming  | (b) beaming  | (c) embalming | (d) barmy   |
| 8.  | (a) block    | (b) clock    | (c) flock     | (d) lock    |
| 9.  | (a) of       | (b) at       | (c) on        | (d) in      |
| 10. | (a) with     | (b) at       | (c) to        | (d) on      |
| 11. | (a) in       | (b) on       | (c) at        | (d) of      |
| 12. | (a) even     | (b) ever     | (c) every     | (d) event   |

# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. tiammngiroi officials
2. could not confirm their etyidtin
3. Their faces were eoslnwl from the surgery
4. heavily nbeddgaa
5. dnieast held for questioning
6. airport usroehatiit

## Paragraph 2

7. the cosmetic surgery ilacatp of the world
8. More than 500,000 Chinese rnsdisete
9. clinics that peliaczise
10. adttemsei to have had surgery
11. parents gcraoneue their children
12. efaetru before and after transformations



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) Three Chinese women were left stranded at a South Korean airport after immigration
- ( ) children to undergo surgery in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job
- ( ) more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also hugely popular with South Koreans. Around half of women under
- ( ) market. There are even hugely popular prime time TV shows that feature before and after transformations.
- ( ) 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated to have had surgery. Many parents encourage their
- ( ) by the airport authorities. It is still unclear if the women have been able to return to China.
- ( ) South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery capital of the world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now
- ( ) their faces and bodies. Many of them go to clinics that specialize in making clients look
- ( ) surgery and were heavily bandaged. The Shanghaiist.com website reported that the women were not
- ( ) booming business. More than 500,000 Chinese residents a year flock to clinics in South Korea to reshape
- ( ) allowed to take their return flight back to China, and were instead held for questioning
- ( ) confirm their identity. Photos of the women went viral on the Internet. Their faces were swollen from the
- ( ) officials said their passport photos did not match their faces. The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their
- ( ) looks. The surgery had transformed their faces to such an extent that passport control officials in South Korea could not

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

1. airport were at Korean women stranded South Three left a .
2. passport not faces their did their said photos match Officials .
3. could Officials not in confirm South their Korea identity .
4. swollen the Their were from surgery faces .
5. if unclear still is It return to able been have women the .
6. the has cosmetic of Korea the capital world become surgery .
7. residents Chinese 500,000 than More clinics to flock year a .
8. the Around women in Seoul of 30 capital half under .
9. parents Many surgery undergo to children their encourage .
10. that shows TV transformations after and before feature .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

Three Chinese women were left *strand* / *stranded* at a South Korean airport after immigration officials said their passport photos did not *match* / *suit* their faces. The women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their *looking* / *looks*. The surgery had transformed their faces to such *an* / *the* extent that passport control *official* / *officials* in South Korea could not confirm their *indemnity* / *identity*. Photos of the women went *viral* / *virtual* on the Internet. Their faces were *swollen* / *swell* from the surgery and were heavily bandaged. The Shanghaiist.com website reported that the women were not allowed to take their return flight back to China, and were *instead* / *steadily* held for questioning by the airport authorities. It is still *unclear* / *nuclear* if the women have been able to return to China.

South Korea has become the cosmetic surgery *capitalistic* / *capital* of the world. Cosmetic surgery tourism from China is now *booming* / *boomed* business. More than 500,000 Chinese residents *the* / *a* year flock to clinics in South Korea to reshape their faces and bodies. Many of them go to clinics that specialize *on* / *in* making clients look more "Western". Cosmetic surgery is also *hugely* / *huge* popular with South Koreans. Around half of women *under* / *beneath* 30 in the capital Seoul are estimated *to* / *that* have had surgery. Many parents encourage their children to *oversee* / *undergo* surgery in efforts to gain a "competitive edge" in the job *marketing* / *market*. There are even hugely popular prime time TV shows that *feature* / *future* before and after transformations.

**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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

Thr\_\_ Ch\_n\_s\_ w\_m\_n w\_r\_ l\_ft str\_nd\_d \_t \_ S\_\_th  
K\_r\_\_n \_\_rp\_rt \_ft\_r \_mm\_gr\_t\_\_n \_ff\_c\_\_ls s\_d  
th\_\_r p\_ssp\_rt ph\_t\_s d\_d n\_t m\_tch th\_\_r f\_c\_s. Th\_  
w\_m\_n h\_d j\_st h\_d c\_sm\_t\_c s\_rg\_ry t\_ ch\_ng\_ th\_\_r  
l\_\_ks. Th\_ s\_rg\_ry h\_d tr\_nsf\_rm\_d th\_\_r f\_c\_s t\_s ch  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

three chinese women were left stranded at a south korean airport after immigration officials said their passport photos did not match their faces the women had just had cosmetic surgery to change their looks the surgery had transformed their faces to such an extent that passport control officials in south korea could not confirm their identity photos of the women went viral on the internet their faces were swollen from the surgery and were heavily bandaged the shanghaiistcom website reported that the women were not allowed to take their return flight back to china and were instead held for questioning by the airport authorities it is still unclear if the women have been able to return to china

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/1710/171013-cosmetic-surgery.html>

Write about **cosmetic surgery** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# 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. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about cosmetic surgery. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. COSMETIC SURGERY:** Make a poster about cosmetic surgery. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. NATURE IS BEST:** Write a magazine article about nature being best and that people should be happy with the looks they are born with and not use cosmetic surgery. 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 cosmetic surgery. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions in cosmetic surgery. 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 T    c T    d T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. stranded         | a. helpless      |
| 2. looks            | b. appearance    |
| 3. extent           | c. degree        |
| 4. swollen          | d. enlarged      |
| 5. unclear          | e. up in the air |
| 6. capital          | f. metropolis    |
| 7. hugely           | g. extremely     |
| 8. estimated        | h. reckoned      |
| 9. undergo          | i. have          |
| 10. transformations | j. changes       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Three
2. Their identity
3. Bandages
4. Questioning
5. It is unclear when
6. South Korea
7. Over 500,000
8. Around half
9. A competitive edge
10. Before and after transformations

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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