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Babies of older fathers may be less healthy

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THE READING

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A study in the USA reports that babies of older fathers may be more likely to have health problems. Stanford University scientists studied data on 40,529,905 births between 2007 and 2016 to find out if a father's age affects his child's health. Researchers found that compared to babies born to fathers aged 25 to 34, babies born to fathers over the age of 45 were at greater risk of having health problems. These included being born prematurely, having a low birth weight or being admitted to an intensive care unit. Babies born to older fathers were generally not as healthy.

One doctor said more research was needed to prove that older fathers conceive less-healthy babies. The doctor said: "I think it's important to understand that the risks we are seeing are modest. So for an individual, the risk may not change much." The research data could show that governments might want to be aware of these risks. He said: "There may be public health implications of men...waiting longer to conceive." The doctor concluded that: "While the oldest father ever is 96, this research suggests that the risk to child and mother may increase if fathers conceive later."

Sources: <https://www.newsweek.com/older-dads-more-likely-have-babies-health-problems-1195289>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. be more | a. health |
| 2. if a father's age affects his child's | b. weight |
| 3. babies born to fathers | c. likely |
| 4. at greater risk of having health | d. not as healthy |
| 5. born | e. prematurely |
| 6. a low birth | f. aged 25 to 34 |
| 7. being admitted to an intensive | g. problems |
| 8. Babies born to older fathers were generally | h. care unit |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. more research was needed to | a. of these risks |
| 2. fathers conceive less- | b. may increase |
| 3. it's important | c. healthy babies |
| 4. governments might want to be aware | d. later |
| 5. There may be public health | e. ever is 96 |
| 6. the oldest father | f. to understand |
| 7. the risk to child and mother | g. prove that |
| 8. if fathers conceive | h. implications |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One doctor said more research was (7) _____ that older fathers conceive less-healthy babies. The doctor said: "I think it's important to understand that the risks we are (8) _____. So for an individual, the (9) _____ change much." The research data could show that governments might want (10) _____ of these risks. He said: "There may be public health implications of men...waiting (11) _____." The doctor concluded that: "While the (12) _____ is 96, this research suggests that the risk to child and mother may increase if fathers conceive later."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OLDER FATHERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181103-older-fathers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about older fathers 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) _____

