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Level 1 – 21st November, 2018

Conception to birth sculptures unveiled in Qatar

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

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THE READING

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A new artwork by the British artist Damien Hirst is on show in front of a hospital in Qatar. Hirst is famous for using dead sharks in his art. His new work is "The Miraculous Journey". It is 14 bronze sculptures that show the beginning of life from conception to birth. The first shows sperm entering an egg, then the egg producing an embryo, a fetus in a giant womb, and finally a newborn baby. They are between 5 and 14 meters high.

Not everyone is happy. The sculptures are very controversial. An art specialist said: "They are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to like [or] understand them." She added: "They reflect the hospital's mission of taking care of...women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "The journey a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life....The sculpture will [create]...a sense of...wonder at this."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. on show in front | a. womb |
| 2. using dead sharks | b. entering an egg |
| 3. from conception | c. 5 and 14 meters high |
| 4. The first shows sperm | d. in his art |
| 5. the egg producing | e. baby |
| 6. a fetus in a giant | f. of a hospital |
| 7. a newborn | g. an embryo |
| 8. They are between | h. to birth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The sculptures are | a. mission |
| 2. They are meant to | b. it will experience |
| 3. not expecting everyone to like or | c. create debates |
| 4. They reflect the hospital's | d. wonder |
| 5. taking care of | e. through before birth |
| 6. The journey a baby goes | f. understand them |
| 7. bigger than anything | g. very controversial |
| 8. a sense of | h. women and babies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new (1) _____ British artist Damien Hirst is on show in front of a hospital in Qatar. Hirst (2) _____ using dead sharks in his art. His new work is "The Miraculous Journey". It is 14 bronze sculptures that show the beginning (3) _____ conception to birth. The first shows sperm (4) _____, then the egg producing an embryo, (5) _____ a giant womb, and finally a newborn baby. (6) _____ 5 and 14 meters high.

Not (7) _____. The sculptures are very controversial. (8) _____ said: "They are meant to create debates. We are not expecting (9) _____ [or] understand them." She added: "They reflect the hospital's mission of (10) _____ women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "The journey a (11) _____ before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life....The sculpture will [create]...a sense (12) _____ this."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCULPTURES SURVEY

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