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**Level 5 – 19th February, 2019**

## Illegal teeth whitening could damage health

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200219-teeth-whitening-5.html>

Everyone wants a gleaming set of pearly white teeth. The perfect Hollywood smile has created a multi-billion-dollar global industry. However, not all is shiny and bright behind this business. A report from the BBC states that illegal teeth whitening is putting people at risk of serious health problems. These include burnt gums and lips, blisters and lost teeth. The UK's General Dental Council reported a 26 per cent increase in complaints last year from people who had suffered problems after teeth whitening. In many cases, those performing the teeth whitening were untrained and unqualified.

The UK's teeth-whitening industry is regulated. Only professionals who have registered with the General Dental Council can do it. The BBC went undercover and unearthed "thousands" of ill-qualified teeth-whitening practitioners. Two researchers paid nearly \$400 each to attend a five-hour teeth-whitening course at a London beauty college. The researchers received a certificate and were told they could earn \$100 an hour to treat customers. Anyone attending these courses and setting up their own businesses are doing so illegally. They could end up with a criminal record.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-51388639>  
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/fabulous/10932978/illegal-teeth-whitening-people-burns-missing-teeth/>  
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/scandal-of-courses-in-teethwhitening-patients-at-risk-a4357981.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200219-teeth-whitening-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a gleaming set of pearly          | a. health problems |
| 2. The perfect Hollywood             | b. problems        |
| 3. created a multi-billion-dollar    | c. unqualified     |
| 4. putting people at risk of serious | d. in complaints   |
| 5. burnt gums                        | e. global industry |
| 6. a 26 per cent increase            | f. white teeth     |
| 7. people who had suffered           | g. and lips        |
| 8. untrained and                     | h. smile           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The BBC went                       | a. own businesses  |
| 2. ill-qualified teeth-whitening      | b. undercover      |
| 3. attend a five-hour teeth-whitening | c. criminal record |
| 4. The researchers received           | d. \$100 an hour   |
| 5. they could earn                    | e. course          |
| 6. Anyone attending these             | f. a certificate   |
| 7. setting up their                   | g. courses         |
| 8. end up with a                      | h. practitioners   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK's teeth-whitening (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Only professionals who have registered with the General Dental Council can do it. The BBC went undercover (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of ill-qualified teeth-whitening practitioners. Two (9) \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 each to attend a five-hour teeth-whitening course at a (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The researchers received a certificate and were told they could earn \$100 an (11) \_\_\_\_\_ customers. Anyone attending these courses and setting up their own businesses are doing so illegally. They could end up with (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TEETH WHITENING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200219-teeth-whitening-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about teeth whitening 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/2002/200219-teeth-whitening-5.html>

Write about **teeth whitening** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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