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Level 5 – 11th March, 2021

'Miracle' puppy born with six legs

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

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THE READING

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There is a lot of bad news on our screens, but a heart-warming story comes from a vet in the USA. A puppy born with severe abnormalities has survived. Doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed. She was one of nine puppies. While her siblings were "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are her most visible abnormalities. She has others, including two pelvises, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's condition, her organs are working "just fine".

Vets called Skipper's survival a "miracle". They wrote on their hospital Facebook page that: "She has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has....with her combination of congenital conditions." They added: "Skipper...is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy." They said: "We think that she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving." Skipper has her own Facebook page. It says she is at the correct weight for her age and "accomplishing all of her milestones...She is following a path to a happy and healthy life".

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/02/23/us/puppy-born-with-six-legs-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There is a lot of bad | a. cross-breed |
| 2. A puppy born with severe | b. regions |
| 3. Doctors are optimistic | c. and two tails |
| 4. Skipper the puppy is a | d. fine |
| 5. While her siblings | e. abnormalities |
| 6. Skipper was born with six legs | f. were normal |
| 7. two reproductive | g. news on our screens |
| 8. her organs are working just | h. that she will live |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Vets called Skipper's survival | a. of her milestones |
| 2. her combination of congenital | b. overcome |
| 3. scoot around just | c. and healthy life |
| 4. she may have some things to | d. like a regular puppy |
| 5. she is at the correct weight | e. a path |
| 6. accomplishing all | f. conditions |
| 7. She is following | g. for her age |
| 8. a happy | h. a miracle |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a lot of bad news (1) _____, but a heart-warming story comes from a vet in the USA. A puppy (2) _____ abnormalities has survived. Doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed. She was (3) _____ puppies. While her siblings were "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are (4) _____ abnormalities. She has others, including two pelvises, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet (5) _____ Skipper's condition, her organs are (6) _____.

Vets called Skipper's (7) _____. They wrote on their hospital Facebook page that: "She has survived longer than we suspect (8) _____ has....with her combination of congenital conditions." They added: "Skipper...is able to scoot around just like (9) _____." They said: "We think that she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right (10) _____." Skipper has her own Facebook page. It says she is at the (11) _____ her age and "accomplishing all of her milestones...She is (12) _____ to a happy and healthy life".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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mbinationofcongenitalconditions."Theyadded:"Skipper...isabletosc
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avesomethingstoovercome,butsheisdeterminedrightnowandthrivin
g."SkipperhasherownFacebookpage.Itsayssheisatthecorrectweight
forherageand"accomplishingallofhermilestones...Sheisfollowingap
athtoahappyandhealthylife".

PUPPIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy-4.html>

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