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Woman gives birth to nine children

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210510-nonuplets-4.html>

Most of us know what twins, triplets and quadruplets are, but do we know the word for nine babies born at a single birth? The answer is nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine babies. This is a new world record. People in Mali followed the pregnancy with great interest. They were surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. After having scans, Ms Cisse thought she would have seven babies (septuplets).

Ms Cisse is in good health. Her five baby boys and four girls are doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on the "happy outcome". He thanked Mali's president for his "leadership and generosity" which helped Halima. It was a little touch-and-go in the early stages of the pregnancy. Doctors worried about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of her babies' survival. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. She got good postnatal care there.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-56994408>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. twins, triplets | a. were surprised |
| 2. nine babies born | b. world record |
| 3. given birth to | c. the nonuplets |
| 4. This is a new | d. with great interest |
| 5. followed the pregnancy | e. at a single birth |
| 6. They | f. nine babies |
| 7. doctors announced | g. (septuplets) |
| 8. she would have seven babies | h. and quadruplets |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ms Cisse is | a. babies' survival |
| 2. congratulated her on | b. and generosity |
| 3. leadership | c. care there |
| 4. It was a little | d. in good health |
| 5. in the early | e. in Morocco for help |
| 6. the chances of her | f. the "happy outcome" |
| 7. They asked a hospital | g. stages of the pregnancy |
| 8. She got good postnatal | h. touch-and-go |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Most (1) _____ what twins, triplets and quadruplets are, but do we know (2) _____ nine babies born at (3) _____? The answer is nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine babies. This is a (4) _____. People in Mali followed the pregnancy (5) _____. They were surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. After having scans, Ms Cisse (6) _____ have seven babies (septuplets).

Ms Cisse is (7) _____. Her five baby boys and four girls are doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on (8) _____. He thanked Mali's president for his "leadership and generosity" which helped Halima. It was (9) _____-and-go in the (10) _____ the pregnancy. Doctors worried about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of (11) _____. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. She (12) _____ care there.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NONUPLETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nonuplets 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) _____

