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Teenager in tattoo nightmare

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A woman in Belgium is living a nightmare after a visit to a tattoo shop. Kimberly Vlaeminck, 18, has complained to the police about tattoo artist Rouslan Toumaniantz. Kimberly has 56 stars tattooed on her face. She said she only asked for three. She told reporters she fell asleep while her tattoos were put on. "I woke up when he was starting to tattoo my nose. I counted 56 stars. It's frightening," she said. Mr. Toumaniantz said Kimberly got what she ordered, saying: "She was awake and looked in the mirror several times." Kimberly now wants the tattoos removed.

I can't imagine how Kimberly feels. Maybe she wanted the tattoos but then changed her mind when she looked in the mirror. Having a tattoo is a big decision. Most tattoos are for life. Once you have one, it's difficult to remove. You need a special operation to make it disappear. People need to think about where to have a tattoo. A tattoo on your face is dangerous. You might not like it when you get older. Tattoos are really popular nowadays. Men and women now have them all over their body. It's interesting when you go to the beach. It's like a moving art show.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A woman in Belgium is | a. tattooed on her face |
| 2. a visit | b. several times |
| 3. Kimberly has 56 stars | c. to a tattoo shop |
| 4. she fell asleep while her | d. she ordered |
| 5. Kimberly got what | e. living a nightmare |
| 6. looked in the mirror | f. tattoos were put on |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. imagine how | a. get older |
| 2. changed | b. Kimberly feels |
| 3. a big | c. body |
| 4. make | d. her mind |
| 5. when you | e. decision |
| 6. all over their | f. it disappear |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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_____ how Kimberly feels. Maybe she wanted the tattoos but then changed her mind when she looked in the mirror. Having a tattoo _____. Most tattoos are for life. Once you have one, it's difficult to remove. You need a special operation to _____. People need to think about _____ tattoo. A tattoo on your face is dangerous. You might not like it _____. Tattoos are really popular nowadays. Men and women now have them all over their body. It's interesting when you go to the beach. It's like a _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A woman in Belgium is (1) _____ a nightmare after a visit to a tattoo shop. Kimberly Vlaeminck, 18, has complained to the police (2) _____ tattoo artist Rouslan Toumaniantz. Kimberly has 56 stars tattooed on her face. She said she only asked for three. She told reporters she fell asleep (3) _____ her tattoos were put on. "I woke up when he was starting to tattoo my nose. I counted 56 stars. It's (4) _____," she said. Mr. Toumaniantz said Kimberly got what she ordered, saying: "She was awake and looked in the mirror several times." Kimberly now wants the tattoos (5) _____.

I can't imagine how Kimberly (6) _____. Maybe she wanted the tattoos but then changed her mind when she looked in the mirror. Having a tattoo is a big decision. Most tattoos are (7) _____ life. Once you have one, it's difficult to remove. You need a special operation to make it disappear. People need to think about where to (8) _____ a tattoo. A tattoo on your face is dangerous. You might not like it when you get older. Tattoos are really popular (9) _____. Men and women now have them all over their body. It's interesting when you go to the beach. It's like a moving art (10) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) living | (b) life | (c) live |
| 2. | (a) around | (b) at | (c) about |
| 3. | (a) which | (b) while | (c) whisper |
| 4. | (a) frightens | (b) frightening | (c) frightened |
| 5. | (a) removed | (b) removal | (c) remove |
| 6. | (a) feelings | (b) feels | (c) feel |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) for |
| 8. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) have |
| 9. | (a) nowadays | (b) days | (c) daily |
| 10. | (a) showing | (b) show | (c) showed |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. living a etmhargin
2. ncepamildo to the police
3. She told tosreerpr
4. I ndcuteo 56 stars
5. looked in the rmriro
6. easevrl times

Paragraph 2

7. I can't igieanm
8. neghacd her mind
9. a big ediocnis
10. make it aprieadps
11. really popular yonadasw
12. go to the becah

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the mirror. Having a tattoo is a big decision. Most tattoos are for life. Once you have one, it's difficult to
- () nowadays. Men and women now have them all over their body. It's interesting when you go to the beach. It's like a moving art show.
- (**1**) A woman in Belgium is living a nightmare after a visit to a tattoo shop. Kimberly Vlaeminck, 18, has complained
- () to the police about tattoo artist Rouslan Toumaniantz. Kimberly has 56 stars tattooed on her face. She said
- () I can't imagine how Kimberly feels. Maybe she wanted the tattoos but then changed her mind when she looked in
- () remove. You need a special operation to make it disappear. People need to think about where to have a
- () what she ordered, saying: "She was awake and looked in the mirror several times." Kimberly now wants the tattoos removed.
- () she only asked for three. She told reporters she fell asleep while her tattoos were put on. "I woke up when he
- () was starting to tattoo my nose. I counted 56 stars. It's frightening," she said. Mr. Toumaniantz said Kimberly got
- () tattoo. A tattoo on your face is dangerous. You might not like it when you get older. Tattoos are really popular

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. living woman a in nightmare Belgium is A.

2. said She three for asked only she.

3. nose my tattoo to starting was He.

4. looked She in was the awake mirror and.

5. now the removed Kimberly wants tattoos.

6. I imagine Kimberly can't how feels.

7. tattoo a Having decision big a is.

8. when older might it get You like you not.

9. Tattoos nowadays popular really are.

10. go It's to interesting the when beach you.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about tattoos. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about tattoos. Include imaginary interviews with people who love and hate them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a tattoo artist. Ask him/her three questions about tattoos. Give him/her three of your opinions on tattoos. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.