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More blood donors needed in poor countries

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The World Health Organization has asked for more people to donate blood in poorer countries. They say fewer than one per cent of people give blood in 77 of the poorest nations. There is a total of 93 million blood donations worldwide every year. Half of this is donated in developed nations. This means fifty percent of the world's blood supply goes to help just 16 per cent of the world population. The WHO says this is not enough. Another concern for the WHO is that only half of the blood collected in developing countries is checked. Dirty or infected blood leads to many diseases.

It's a little sad that in the 21st century the WHO has to be worried. Everyone should give blood twice a year. It isn't painful. Many people think giving blood hurts – they are afraid of the needle. If they try just once, they will know it is totally painless. Donating blood is a very useful thing to do. The blood you give helps other people to live. Hospitals need hundreds of litres of blood every day. I think more blood is needed today than ever before. There are more people and there are more accidents and operations. Please think about giving blood and helping others.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. donate | a. people give blood |
| 2. fewer than one per cent of | b. supply |
| 3. Half of this is donated | c. to many diseases |
| 4. fifty percent of the world's blood | d. for the WHO |
| 5. Another concern | e. blood |
| 6. infected blood leads | f. in developed nations |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. give blood | a. painless |
| 2. people think giving blood | b. twice a year |
| 3. it is totally | c. operations |
| 4. a very useful thing | d. giving blood |
| 5. more accidents and | e. hurts |
| 6. Please think about | f. to do |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1006/100614-blood_donations.html

The World Health Organization _____ people to donate blood in poorer countries. They _____ cent of people give blood in 77 of the poorest nations. There is a total of 93 million blood donations worldwide every year. Half of _____ developed nations. This means fifty percent of the world's blood supply goes _____ cent of the world population. The WHO says this is not enough. Another concern for the WHO is that _____ blood collected in developing countries is checked. Dirty or infected blood leads _____.

_____ in the 21st century the WHO has to be worried. Everyone should give blood twice a year. It isn't painful. Many people think _____ - they are afraid of the needle. If they try just once, they will _____ painless. Donating blood is a very _____. The blood you give helps other people to live. Hospitals need hundreds of litres of blood every day. I think more blood is needed today _____. There are more people and there are more accidents and operations. Please think about giving blood _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The World Health Organization has (1) _____ for more people to donate blood in poorer countries. They say fewer than one per cent of people give blood in 77 of the poorest nations. There is a total (2) _____ 93 million blood donations worldwide every year. Half of this is donated in developed nations. This (3) _____ fifty percent of the world's blood supply (4) _____ to help just 16 per cent of the world population. The WHO says this is not enough. Another concern for the WHO is that only half of the blood collected in developing countries is checked. Dirty or (5) _____ blood leads to many diseases.

It's a little sad that in the 21st century the WHO has to be (6) _____. Everyone should give blood twice a year. It isn't painful. Many people think giving blood hurts – they are (7) _____ of the needle. If they try just once, they will know it is (8) _____ painless. Donating blood is a very useful thing to do. The blood you give helps other people to live. Hospitals need hundreds of litres of blood every day. I think more blood is needed today than (9) _____ before. There are more people and there are more accidents and operations. Please think about giving blood and helping (10) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) asked | (b) told | (c) requested |
| 2. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) from |
| 3. | (a) meaning | (b) meant | (c) means |
| 4. | (a) comes | (b) has | (c) goes |
| 5. | (a) infected | (b) infection | (c) infects |
| 6. | (a) worry | (b) worried | (c) worries |
| 7. | (a) afraid | (b) fear | (c) frightens |
| 8. | (a) total | (b) totally | (c) totals |
| 9. | (a) never | (b) even | (c) ever |
| 10. | (a) others | (b) other | (c) another |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. oporer countries
2. the poorest nosaitn
3. blood sodiotann
4. blood pplsuy
5. this is not nguoeh
6. leads to many saeedis

Paragraph 2

7. the 21st eytnruc
8. wceti a year
9. giving blood rutsh
10. a very flsueu thing
11. more blood is edened today
12. helping teorhs

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () just 16 per cent of the world population. The WHO says this is not enough. Another concern for the WHO is that only
- () totally painless. Donating blood is a very useful thing to do. The blood you give helps other people to live. Hospitals need
- () half of the blood collected in developing countries is checked. Dirty or infected blood leads to many diseases.
- () It's a little sad that in the 21st century the WHO has to be worried. Everyone should give blood twice a year. It isn't
- () there are more accidents and operations. Please think about giving blood and helping others.
- () hundreds of litres of blood every day. I think more blood is needed today than ever before. There are more people and
- () every year. Half of this is donated in developed nations. This means fifty percent of the world's blood supply goes to help
- () painful. Many people think giving blood hurts – they are afraid of the needle. If they try just once, they will know it is
- (**1**) The World Health Organization has asked for more people to donate blood in poorer countries. They say fewer than one
- () per cent of people give blood in 77 of the poorest nations. There is a total of 93 million blood donations worldwide

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

1. blood cent Fewer of than people one give per.

2. million 93 year every worldwide donations blood.

3. developed this nations is donated Half in of.

4. WHO The enough not is this says.

5. diseases infected many or to Dirty leads blood.

6. give should Everyone year a twice blood.

7. giving hurts Many think blood people.

8. very to Donating a thing is useful do blood.

9. needed today More than blood ever is before.

10. others helping and blood giving about Think.

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. _____

WRITING

From: http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1006/100614-blood_donations.html

Write about donating blood for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. DONATING BLOOD: Search the Internet and find more information about donating blood. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about donating blood. Include imaginary an interview with a blood donor and someone who received blood. 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 the head of the WHO. Ask him/her three questions about donating blood. Give him/her three of your opinions on donating blood. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.