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Cuddles brings miracle baby back to life

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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An Australian mother refused to believe doctors who said her newborn baby was dead. Kate Oggs prematurely gave birth to twins Emily and Jamie – they both weighed a kilogram. Emily was healthy but doctors battled for 20 minutes to save her brother's life. The doctor told Ms Oggs: "We've lost Jamie, he didn't make it, sorry." She didn't believe he was dead and cuddled him for two hours. Suddenly, Jamie started breathing and then opened his eyes. His mother said it was a miracle but she thought the skin-to-skin contact saved her son.

Jamie's father David was very proud of his wife. He told Australia's Channel 7 TV: "Luckily, I've got a very strong, very smart wife. She instinctively did what she did. If she hadn't done that, Jamie probably wouldn't be here." Ms Oggs has appeared on TV in Australia to advise all new mothers to hug their babies immediately after they are born. Doctors call this "kangaroo care", named after the way kangaroos care for their young after they are born. Experts say it creates a long-term bond between mother and baby.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. refused to believe | a. birth to twins |
| 2. prematurely gave | b. brother's life |
| 3. battled | c. saved her son |
| 4. save her | d. doctors |
| 5. cuddled him | e. for 20 minutes |
| 6. the skin-to-skin contact | f. for two hours |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. David was very proud | a. to hug their babies |
| 2. She instinctively did | b. after they are born |
| 3. a very strong, | c. of his wife |
| 4. advise all new mothers | d. term bond |
| 5. care for their young | e. very smart wife |
| 6. it creates a long- | f. what she did |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Jamie's father David _____ his wife. He told Australia's Channel 7 TV: "Luckily, I've got a very strong, very smart wife. She instinctively _____. If _____, Jamie probably wouldn't be here." Ms Oggs has appeared on TV in Australia _____ to hug their babies immediately after they are born. Doctors call this "kangaroo care", _____ kangaroos care for their young after they are born. Experts say _____ bond between mother and baby.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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An Australian mother (1) _____ to believe doctors who said her newborn baby was dead. Kate Oggs prematurely gave (2) _____ to twins Emily and Jamie – they both weighed a kilogram. Emily was healthy but doctors battled for 20 minutes to save her brother’s life. The doctor told Ms Oggs: “We've (3) _____ Jamie, he didn't make it, sorry.” She didn’t believe he was (4) _____ and cuddled him for two hours. Suddenly, Jamie started breathing and then opened his eyes. His mother said it was a miracle but she thought the skin-(5)-_____ -skin contact saved her son.

Jamie’s father David was very (6) _____ of his wife. He told Australia’s Channel 7 TV: "Luckily, I've got a very strong, very smart wife. She instinctively (7) _____ what she did. If she hadn't done that, Jamie probably wouldn't be here." Ms Oggs has appeared (8) _____ TV in Australia to advise all new mothers to hug their babies immediately after they are born. Doctors call this "kangaroo care", named (9) _____ the way kangaroos care for their young after they are born. Experts say it creates a long-(10)_____ bond between mother and baby.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) reused | (b) refused | (c) refuse |
| 2. | (a) birth | (b) births | (c) born |
| 3. | (a) gone | (b) tragic | (c) lost |
| 4. | (a) dead | (b) death | (c) dead |
| 5. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) at |
| 6. | (a) pride | (b) proudly | (c) proud |
| 7. | (a) done | (b) do | (c) did |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) over | (c) through |
| 9. | (a) before | (b) after | (c) following |
| 10. | (a) semester | (b) term | (c) session |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. federsu to believe
2. gave trhbi to twins
3. Emily was hheatly
4. ddlecd him for two hours
5. Jamie started ihbngerta
6. skin-to-skin onctact

Paragraph 2

7. David was very ordpu of his wife
8. very tamrs wife
9. lprobayb wouldn't
10. vdaesi all new mothers
11. care for their uygon
12. bond ewbtnee mother and baby

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Jamie's father David was very proud of his wife. He told Australia's Channel 7 TV: "Luckily, I've got a
- (**1**) An Australian mother refused to believe doctors who said her newborn baby was dead. Kate Oggs
- () but doctors battled for 20 minutes to save her brother's life. The doctor told Ms Oggs: "We've lost Jamie,
- () prematurely gave birth to twins Emily and Jamie – they both weighed a kilogram. Emily was healthy
- () care for their young after they are born. Experts say it creates a long-term bond between mother and baby.
- () he didn't make it, sorry." She didn't believe he was dead and cuddled him for two hours. Suddenly, Jamie started
- () very strong, very smart wife. She instinctively did what she did. If she hadn't done that, Jamie probably
- () wouldn't be here." Ms Oggs has appeared on TV in Australia to advise all new mothers to hug their
- () babies immediately after they are born. Doctors call this "kangaroo care", named after the way kangaroos
- () breathing and then opened his eyes. His mother said it was a miracle but she thought the skin-to-skin contact saved her son.

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

1. An doctors believe to refused mother Australian.

2. twins to birth gave prematurely Oggs Kate.

3. minutes to save her brother's life Doctors battled for 20.

4. believe was didn't he dead She.

5. it said mother His miracle a was.

6. David proud wife father very his Jamie's was of.

7. , wife got strong smart I've very very a.

8. to Advise hug all their new babies mothers.

9. care kangaroos way The young their for.

10. bond and A term mother - between baby long.

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. KANGAROO CARE: Search the Internet and find more information about "kangaroo care". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about miracles. Include imaginary an interview with someone who experienced one. 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 mother. Ask her three questions about motherhood. Give her three pieces of advice on how to best care for her baby. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.