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Doctors refusing to treat overweight women

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Doctors in Florida are refusing to treat women if they are overweight. A report from the Sun Sentinel newspaper says that 15 out of 105 gynaecology clinics in Florida have a weight limit. Doctors at the clinics will not see new patients if they weigh more than 90kg. This is even if the women have no health problems. One of the excuses they gave reporters is that their medical equipment is difficult to use with obese people. Doctors say it is not against the law to refuse patients.

Many doctors and patients are furious this is happening. People say doctors have to treat anyone who enters their office. They believe any doctor who does not see a patient is letting down the medical profession. Dr Maureen Whelihan of West Palm Beach said: "If I had that policy, I'd lose half my patients." She has a point. The USA has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world. If doctors put weight limits on patients, much of the country would be sick.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. refusing to treat women if | a. gave |
| 2. 15 out of 105 | b. limit |
| 3. a weight | c. they are overweight |
| 4. One of the excuses they | d. the law |
| 5. medical | e. gynaecology clinics |
| 6. it is not against | f. equipment |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. patients are | a. medical profession |
| 2. doctors have to | b. point |
| 3. letting down the | c. treat anyone |
| 4. lose half my | d. furious |
| 5. She has a | e. of obesity |
| 6. highest rates | f. patients |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Doctors in Florida are refusing to treat women _____ . A report from the Sun Sentinel newspaper says that 15 out of 105 gynaecology clinics in Florida _____ . Doctors at the clinics will not see new patients _____ than 90kg. This is even if the women have no health problems. One of _____ reporters is that their medical equipment is difficult _____ people. Doctors say it is not against _____ patients.

Many doctors and patients _____ happening. People say doctors have to treat _____ their office. They believe any doctor who does not see a patient _____ medical profession. Dr Maureen Whelihan of West Palm Beach said: "If _____, I'd lose half my patients." _____ . The USA has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world. If doctors put weight limits on patients, _____ would be sick.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Doctors in Florida are refusing to treat women (1) _____ they are overweight. A report from the Sun Sentinel newspaper says that 15 (2) _____ of 105 gynaecology clinics in Florida have a weight limit. Doctors at the clinics will not see new patients if they (3) _____ more than 90kg. This is even if the women have no health problems. One of the excuses they (4) _____ reporters is that (5) _____ medical equipment is difficult to use with obese people. Doctors say it is not (6) _____ the law to refuse patients.

Many doctors and patients are (7) _____ this is happening. People say doctors have to treat (8) _____ who enters their office. They believe any doctor who does not see a patient is letting (9) _____ the medical profession. Dr Maureen Whelihan of West Palm Beach said: "If I had that policy, I'd lose half my patients." She has a (10) _____. The USA has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world. If doctors (11) _____ weight limits on patients, (12) _____ of the country would be sick.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) who | (b) so | (c) if |
| 2. | (a) from | (b) out | (c) number |
| 3. | (a) weighs | (b) weigh | (c) weight |
| 4. | (a) gave | (b) did | (c) made |
| 5. | (a) them | (b) this | (c) their |
| 6. | (a) against | (b) anti | (c) for |
| 7. | (a) fury | (b) furious | (c) furry |
| 8. | (a) anyone | (b) ones | (c) oneself |
| 9. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) down |
| 10. | (a) point | (b) paint | (c) pant |
| 11. | (a) save | (b) put | (c) weigh |
| 12. | (a) many | (b) such | (c) much |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. gynaecology ccislni
2. weight ltimi
3. health seomblpr
4. cidaeml equipment
5. nsgaita the law
6. efusre patients

Paragraph 2

7. orfusui this is happening
8. anyone who enters their office
9. ilntteg down the medical profession
10. She has a npito
11. highest rates of itbeosy
12. much of the nyorctu

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () limit. Doctors at the clinics will not see new patients if they weigh more than 90kg. This is even if the women have no
- () people. Doctors say it is not against the law to refuse patients.
- (**1**) Doctors in Florida are refusing to treat women if they are overweight. A report
- () Many doctors and patients are furious this is happening. People say doctors have to treat
- () down the medical profession. Dr Maureen Whelihan of West Palm Beach said: "If I had that
- () anyone who enters their office. They believe any doctor who does not see a patient is letting
- () equipment is difficult to use with obese
- () of the highest rates of obesity in the world. If doctors put
- () weight limits on patients, much of the country would be sick.
- () from the Sun Sentinel newspaper says that 15 out of 105 gynaecology clinics in Florida have a weight
- () policy, I'd lose half my patients." She has a point. The USA has one
- () health problems. One of the excuses they gave reporters is that their medical

WORD JUMBLE

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

1. if Refusing they to are treat overweight women.

2. out 105 clinics 15 of gynaecology.

3. no if health the problems women have Even.

4. gave they excuses the of One reporters.

5. to not law patients is the refuse It against.

6. furious is are this happening Patients.

7. enters to who office have anyone their Doctors treat.

8. profession medical the down Letting.

9. my half lose I'd , policy that had I If patients.

10. in highest obesity world the of the One rates.

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

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Write about being overweight 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. BEING OVERWEIGHT: Search the Internet and find more information about being overweight. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about a doctor who refuses to treat an overweight patient. Include imaginary interviews with both the patient and the doctor. 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 doctor. Ask him/her three questions about patients. Give him/her three of your opinions on the doctors in this article. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.