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## **Level 0**

### **Scientists find gene that erases memories**

**25th September, 2013**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Researchers found a special gene. It is in mice. It could help us forget painful memories. Many people have painful memories that make them ill. The illness is called post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Researchers want to change painful memories into nice thoughts and feelings. This would help millions of people with PTSD.

The researchers made mice forget their fear. The mice went into a cage and had electric shocks. The mice became afraid.

They had "cage shock". The mice went into the cage again without an electric shock. Their fear changed to good feelings.

The researchers found a gene that erased bad memories. They want to find it in humans too.

Sources: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/266368.php>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1145178/memory-erasing-gene-discovered-in-mice>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130925-post-traumatic-stress-disorder-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Researchers found a special          | a. memories        |
| 2. It could help                        | b. help millions   |
| 3. painful                              | c. us forget       |
| 4. memories that                        | d. stress disorder |
| 5. The illness is called post-traumatic | e. with PTSD       |
| 6. nice thoughts and                    | f. gene            |
| 7. This would                           | g. make them ill   |
| 8. people                               | h. feelings        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. researchers made mice | a. bad memories        |
| 2. mice went into        | b. afraid              |
| 3. electric              | c. a cage              |
| 4. The mice became       | d. forget their fear   |
| 5. The mice went         | e. feelings            |
| 6. good                  | f. in humans           |
| 7. a gene that erased    | g. shocks              |
| 8. They want to find it  | h. into the cage again |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130925-post-traumatic-stress-disorder-0.html>

Researchers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ gene. It is in mice. It could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ painful memories. Many people have painful memories that (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The illness is called post-traumatic (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (PTSD). Researchers (5) \_\_\_\_\_ painful memories into nice thoughts and feelings. This would (6) \_\_\_\_\_ people with PTSD.

The researchers made mice (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The mice went into a cage and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The mice became afraid. They (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The mice went into the cage (10) \_\_\_\_\_ electric shock. Their fear changed (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The researchers found a gene that erased bad memories. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in humans too.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

