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Hot drinks biggest cause of kids' burns

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THE READING

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Hot drinks are the biggest causes of burns in children. This is according to new research. The lead researcher said parents must be more aware of the dangers to children of everyday things in the home. She said the most dangerous time for toddlers to burn themselves is from nine months. This is when babies begin crawling, walking and exploring. Babies do not know what is dangerous, so they touch everything they can reach. The researcher said: "Parents may underestimate the potential reach height of their toddler."

The researchers looked at data from burns departments and emergency departments in U.K. hospitals. Almost 75 per cent of children burnt were under five years old. Most burn injuries happened to one-year-olds. Most of the burns were from children pulling a hot drink on top of themselves. Any hot drink can burn a baby, even 15 minutes after making it. This is because a baby's skin is much thinner than an adult's skin, so it is easier to burn. The researchers advised parents to think carefully about where they keep hot objects. They must be out of reach of small children.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26014708>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Hot drinks are the | a. crawling |
| 2. according | b. more aware |
| 3. parents must be | c. they can reach |
| 4. the dangers to | d. biggest causes |
| 5. everyday things | e. of their toddler |
| 6. babies begin | f. to new research |
| 7. they touch everything | g. children |
| 8. height | h. in the home |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The researchers looked | a. happened to one-year-olds |
| 2. emergency | b. to think carefully |
| 3. 75 per cent of children burnt were | c. departments |
| 4. Most burn injuries | d. making it |
| 5. Any hot drink can | e. at data |
| 6. 15 minutes after | f. much thinner |
| 7. a baby's skin is | g. under five years old |
| 8. researchers advised parents | h. burn a baby |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Hot drinks are the biggest causes of burns in children. This is (1) _____. The lead researcher said parents must be more aware of the dangers to children (2) _____ in the home. She said the most dangerous (3) _____ burn themselves is from nine months. This is when babies begin crawling, (4) _____. Babies do not know what is dangerous, so they (5) _____ can reach. The researcher said: "Parents (6) _____ potential reach height of their toddler."

The researchers (7) _____ burns departments and emergency departments in U.K. hospitals. Almost 75 per cent of children burnt (8) _____ years old. Most burn injuries happened to one-year-olds. Most of the burns were from children (9) _____ on top of themselves. Any hot drink can burn a baby, even (10) _____ it. This is because a baby's (11) _____ than an adult's skin, so it is easier to burn. The researchers advised parents to think carefully about where (12) _____. They must be out of reach of small children.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
