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## **Level 1**

# **Thousands wake up during surgery**

**14th September, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-1.html>

Thousands of patients a year in the U.K. wake up in operations. A report from anaesthetists (people who make us sleep before surgery) said several thousand patients a year wake up. Doctors say this is very rare and happens once in every 19,000 operations. Patients who wake up during an operation feel frightened and panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up. Drugs that relax their muscles mean they cannot speak.

Researchers looked at three million operations. They used the data to find ways to make operations safer. They thought of 64 ways to reduce accidents. The most basic one was for doctors to use a checklist before each operation to reduce mistakes. It also makes sure the patient has the right level of drugs. They also think a monitor can tell doctors if a patient wakes up. The report will help hospitals, doctors and patients.

Sources: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/2014/09September/Pages/Hundreds-report-waking-up-during-surgery.aspx>  
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/509217/Surgery-Awake-Patient-UK-Anaesthetic-NHS>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/hundreds-of-patients-wakeup-during-surgery-9724262.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people who make us   | a. during an operation  |
| 2. several              | b. very rare            |
| 3. Doctors say this is  | c. and panic            |
| 4. once in every        | d. thousand patients    |
| 5. Patients who wake up | e. their muscles        |
| 6. feel frightened      | f. 19,000 operations    |
| 7. tell the doctors if  | g. sleep before surgery |
| 8. Drugs that relax     | h. he/she wakes up      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. Researchers looked at three             | a. and patients          |
| 2. find ways to make                       | b. basic one             |
| 3. They thought of 64 ways                 | c. level of drugs        |
| 4. The most                                | d. operations safer      |
| 5. use a checklist                         | e. tell doctors          |
| 6. the patient has the right               | f. to reduce accidents   |
| 7. a monitor can                           | g. before each operation |
| 8. The report will help hospitals, doctors | h. million operations    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thousands (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.K. wake up in operations. A report from anaesthetists (people who make us (2) \_\_\_\_\_) said several thousand patients a year wake up. Doctors say (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and happens (4) \_\_\_\_\_ operations. Patients who wake up during an operation feel (5) \_\_\_\_\_. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up. Drugs (6) \_\_\_\_\_ muscles mean they cannot speak.

Researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ operations. They used the data to find ways to make operations safer. They thought of 64 (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The most basic one was for doctors to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ each operation to reduce mistakes. It also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ has the right level of drugs. They also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ tell doctors if a patient wakes up. The report will help hospitals, (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ndpanic.Apatientcannottellthedoctorsifhe/shewakesup.Drugsthatrelaxth  
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ations.Theyusedthedata to findwaystomakeoperationssafer.Theythought  
of64waystoreduceaccidents.Themostbasiconewasfordoctorstouseachec  
klistbeforeeachoperationtoreducemistakes.Italsomakesurethepatientha  
stherightlevelofdrugs.Theyalsothinkamonitorcantelldoctorsifapatientwak  
esup.Thereportwillhelphospitals,doctorsandpatients.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-1.html>

Write about **surgery** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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