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Hospital chains toys to beds to stop thieves

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150114-toys-5.html>

Fourteen hospitals in Wales are chaining children's toys to beds to prevent thieves from stealing them. One is using bicycle locks to stop its toys from being stolen. Dean Beddis, father of a patient in the children's ward, said he was appalled that anyone would steal toys from a hospital. He said the toys were there for children who are seriously ill. He said it was terrible that people were stealing toys that the hospital provided. He added: "I was talking to the nurses about how disgusting it was that they had to do that because they were saying that people had been stealing them."

A hospital spokesman said toys and games were occasionally taken from hospitals. He said: "We do encourage staff to secure and lock away the more popular and more expensive items." He advised all visitors and staff to be careful and watch over their valuables. He added: "Our hospitals have CCTV coverage and security on site at all times." Toys are not the only things being stolen. The television in the waiting room of the children's ward has also gone. Mr Beddis said it was, "a sad reflection on society. I cannot believe this is happening in Britain".

Sources: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/vile-crooks-target-sick-kids-8417714>
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/childrens-toys-chained-beds-hospitals-4959314>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150114-toys-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Fourteen hospitals | a. disgusting it was |
| 2. prevent thieves | b. being stolen |
| 3. bicycle | c. anyone would steal toys |
| 4. stop its toys from | d. been stealing them |
| 5. a patient in the children's | e. from stealing them |
| 6. he was appalled that | f. ward |
| 7. I was talking to the nurses about how | g. in Wales |
| 8. people had | h. locks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A hospital | a. ward |
| 2. games were occasionally | b. room |
| 3. the more popular and | c. happening in Britain |
| 4. Our hospitals have CCTV | d. more expensive items |
| 5. The television in the waiting | e. spokesman |
| 6. the children's | f. on society |
| 7. a sad reflection | g. coverage |
| 8. I cannot believe this is | h. taken from hospitals |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150114-toys-5.html>

Fourteen hospitals in Wales are chaining children's toys (1) _____ thieves from stealing them. One is using bicycle locks to stop its toys (2) _____. Dean Beddis, father of a patient in the children's ward, said (3) _____ that anyone would steal toys from a hospital. He said the toys (4) _____ children who are seriously ill. He said (5) _____ people were stealing toys that the hospital provided. He added: "I was talking to the nurses (6) _____ it was that they had to do that because they were saying that people had been stealing them."

A hospital spokesman said toys and games (7) _____ from hospitals. He said: "We do encourage (8) _____ lock away the more popular and more expensive items." He advised all visitors and staff (9) _____ watch over their valuables. He added: "Our hospitals have CCTV coverage and security (10) _____." Toys are (11) _____ being stolen. The television in the waiting room of the children's ward has also gone. Mr Beddis said it was, "a sad reflection on society. I cannot believe (12) _____ in Britain".

TOYS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150114-toys-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about toys in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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)

FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150114-toys-5.html>

Write about **toys** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
