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Level 0

Britain says yes to 3-parent babies

6th February, 2015

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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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There will soon be babies in the UK with DNA from three people. A special technique will stop babies being born with a bad disease. The disease affects about one in 6,500 children around the world. The first baby could be born next year. There may be about 150 babies born each year using this technique.

The technique is simple. Doctors take out unhealthy DNA from the mother's egg and add healthy DNA from another woman. Doctors say this is "light at the end of a dark tunnel" for many families. Britain's leader said many parents could now have a healthy baby. Other people say this is bad. It could lead to "designer babies".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-31069173>
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/three-parent-babies-could-be-born-next-year-1-3678635>
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/britain-votes-to-allow-world-s-first-3-parent-ivf-babies/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. DNA from | a. in 6,500 children |
| 2. A special | b. born each year |
| 3. babies being born with a | c. the world |
| 4. The disease affects about one | d. three people |
| 5. around | e. technique |
| 6. The first baby could | f. technique |
| 7. about 150 babies | g. be born next year |
| 8. using this | h. bad disease |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The technique is | a. baby |
| 2. Doctors take out | b. another woman |
| 3. from the mother's | c. "designer babies" |
| 4. add healthy DNA from | d. egg |
| 5. light at the end | e. simple |
| 6. have a healthy | f. of a dark tunnel |
| 7. Other people say | g. unhealthy DNA |
| 8. It could lead to | h. this is bad |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ babies in the UK with DNA from three people. A (2) _____ will stop babies being born (3) _____. The _____ disease (4) _____ in 6,500 children around the world. The first baby could (5) _____. There may be about 150 babies born (6) _____ this technique.

The (7) _____. Doctors take out unhealthy DNA from the mother's egg (8) _____ DNA from another woman. Doctors (9) _____ at the end of (10) _____ many families. Britain's leader said many parents (11) _____ healthy baby. Other people say this is bad. It could lead (12) _____.

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) _____

10-MINUTE WRITING

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Write about **3-parent babies**. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
