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Level 0 – 18th June, 2019

Smartphone use could be changing shape of our skulls

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190618-skull-shape-0.html>

A small bump is appearing on the skull of some smartphone users. It is big enough to feel. A doctor told the BBC about the bump. He said in the last ten years, he has seen more patients with the bump. A lot of people aged 18 to 30 have the bump. They spend many hours every day bent over their smartphones.

The doctor looked at 1,200 people aged 18 to 86. Younger people had more skull bumps. The bumps are because people bend their necks while looking at our phones. People bend their neck at an angle and it becomes sore. Doctors call this "text neck". Doctors told people to change their sitting position if their neck hurts.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190618-skull-shape-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A small bump is appearing | a. to feel |
| 2. some smartphone | b. every day |
| 3. It is big enough | c. with the bump |
| 4. A doctor told the BBC | d. smartphones |
| 5. in the last | e. users |
| 6. he has seen more patients | f. on the skull |
| 7. They spend many hours | g. ten years |
| 8. bent over their | h. about the bump |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 1,200 people aged | a. "text neck" |
| 2. Younger people had | b. 18 to 86 |
| 3. people bend their necks while | c. hurts |
| 4. People bend their neck | d. sore |
| 5. it becomes | e. more skull bumps |
| 6. Doctors call this | f. position |
| 7. change their sitting | g. at an angle |
| 8. if their neck | h. looking at our phones |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190618-skull-shape-0.html>

A small bump (1) _____ the skull of some smartphone users. It is big (2) _____. A doctor told the BBC about the bump. He said (3) _____ ten years, he has seen (4) _____ the bump. A lot of people aged 18 to 30 (5) _____. They spend many hours every (6) _____ their smartphones.

The doctor looked at 1,200 (7) _____ to 86.

Younger people (8) _____ bumps. The bumps are because people (9) _____ while looking at our phones. People bend their neck (10) _____ and it becomes sore. Doctors call this "text neck". Doctors told people

(11) _____ sitting position if

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE SKULL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190618-skull-shape-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the skull 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) _____

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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) _____

