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'Miracle' puppy born with six legs

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

Amid the constant stream of bad news that fills our screens, a heart-warming tale comes from a hospital in Oklahoma, USA. A puppy born with severe abnormalities has survived its first week, and doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed - she is a border collie and Australian shepherd mix. She was one of a litter of nine puppies. While her brothers and sisters came out "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are her most visible congenital conditions. She has others, including two pelvic regions, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's condition, her organs are working "just fine".

Vets have called Skipper's survival a "miracle". The Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma, where she was born, wrote: "She has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has....Published research does not indicate one that has been born alive...with her combination of congenital conditions." It added: "Skipper is a strong girl. She is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy." Neel added: "We think that she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving." The miracle puppy has her own Facebook page. It says: "She is currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of her milestones. She is following a path to a happy and healthy life."

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WARM-UPS

1. PUPPIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about puppies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

stream / bad news / heart-warming / hospital / puppy / optimistic / region / organ
survival / miracle / canine / research / overcome / thriving / weight / milestones

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BAD NEWS: Students A **strongly** believe bad news is more interesting than good news; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NEWS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "news". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

5. PETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pet at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- dog
- goldfish
- cat
- rabbit
- iguana
- sheep
- tortoise
- parrot

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. constant | a. Something bad or undesirable very great; intense. |
| 2. tale | b. Happening continuously over a period of time. |
| 3. severe | c. Hopeful and confident about the future. |
| 4. optimistic | d. The group of young animals born to an animal at one time. |
| 5. litter | e. A fictitious or true narrative or story. |
| 6. congenital | f. Relating to making babies or young. |
| 7. reproductive | g. Of a disease or physical abnormality present from birth. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. suspect | h. Relating to or resembling a dog or dogs. |
| 9. canine | i. Succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty. |
| 10. indicate | j. Have an idea about the existence, presence, or truth of something. |
| 11. scoot around | k. Point out; show. |
| 12. overcome | l. Prospering or flourishing. |
| 13. thriving | m. Move quickly. |
| 14. accomplishing | n. Achieving or completing successfully. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says a six-legged puppy was bad news. **T / F**
- b. The article says the puppy survived its first month. **T / F**
- c. The puppy has eight siblings. **T / F**
- d. Vets say the puppy's organs are working fine. **T / F**
- e. The puppy was born on the streets. **T / F**
- f. A vet said the puppy is very weak at the moment. **T / F**
- g. The vet said the puppy is unable to walk. **T / F**
- h. The puppy is the correct weight for her age. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. constant | a. marvel |
| 2. tale | b. noticeable |
| 3. bothers and sisters | c. conquer |
| 4. visible | d. story |
| 5. regions | e. reckon |
| 6. miracle | f. flourishing |
| 7. suspect | g. areas |
| 8. overcome | h. non-stop |
| 9. thriving | i. fulfilling |
| 10. accomplishing | j. siblings |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Amid the constant | a. and thriving |
| 2. A puppy born with severe | b. of nine puppies |
| 3. doctors are optimistic that | c. are working |
| 4. She was one of a litter | d. abnormalities |
| 5. her organs | e. a path |
| 6. Vets have called Skipper's survival | f. milestones |
| 7. she may have some things | g. stream of bad news |
| 8. she is determined right now | h. to overcome |
| 9. accomplishing all of her | i. she will live |
| 10. She is following | j. a "miracle" |

GAP FILL

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Amid the (1) _____ stream of bad news that fills our screens, a heart-warming (2) _____ comes from a hospital in Oklahoma, USA. A puppy born with (3) _____ abnormalities has survived its first week, and doctors are (4) _____ that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed - she is a border collie and Australian shepherd mix. She was one of a (5) _____ of nine puppies. While her brothers and sisters came out "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two (6) _____. These are her most visible congenital conditions. She has others, including two pelvic (7) _____, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's (8) _____, her organs are working "just fine".

Vets have called Skipper's (9) _____ a "miracle". The Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma, where she was born, wrote: "She has survived longer than we (10) _____ any other canine has....Published research does not (11) _____ one that has been born alive...with her combination of congenital conditions." It added: "Skipper is a strong girl. She is able to scoot around just like a (12) _____ puppy." Neel added: "We think that she may have some things to (13) _____, but she is determined right now and thriving." The (14) _____ puppy has her own Facebook page. It says: "She is (15) _____ at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of her milestones. She is following a (16) _____ to a happy and healthy life."

tails
tale
optimistic
condition
constant
regions
litter
severe

indicate
overcome
path
survival
regular
currently
suspect
miracle

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Amid the constant stream of bad news that _____
 - a. fills our screen
 - b. fill sour screens
 - c. fills sour screen
 - d. fills our screens
- 2) born with severe abnormalities has survived its first week, and _____
 - a. doctors are optimistically
 - b. doctors are optimism
 - c. doctors are optimistic
 - d. doctors are optic mystics
- 3) Skipper was born with six legs _____
 - a. and two tails
 - b. and two tales
 - c. and two trails
 - d. and two toils
- 4) including two pelvic regions, two lower urinary tracts and two _____
 - a. reproduction regions
 - b. reproductively regions
 - c. reproductive regions
 - d. reproductively region
- 5) Her vet said that despite Skipper's condition, her organs are _____
 - a. worked ing "just fine"
 - b. working "just fine"
 - c. working "adjust fine"
 - d. working "just finely"
- 6) She has survived longer than we suspect any _____
 - a. other canine has
 - b. other feline has
 - c. other equine has
 - d. other bovine has
- 7) indicate one that has been born alive...with her combination of _____
 - a. congenitally conditions
 - b. congenial conditions
 - c. congenital conditions
 - d. cogent conditions
- 8) She is able to scoot around just like _____
 - a. as regular puppy
 - b. are regular puppy
 - c. a regular puppy
 - d. regular puppy
- 9) she may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right _____
 - a. now and thrifty
 - b. now and thrive in
 - c. now and thriving
 - d. now and try vine
- 10) currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of _____
 - a. her miles tones
 - b. her mile stones
 - c. her mill stones
 - d. her milestones

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

1. What does the article say there is a constant stream of?
2. How long has the puppy survived so far?
3. How many brothers and sisters does the puppy have?
4. How many tails was the puppy born with?
5. What did the puppy's vet say are working "just fine"?
6. What did the vet call the puppy's survival?
7. What can the puppy scoot around like?
8. What did the vet say the puppy has to overcome?
9. What kind of weight is the puppy at for her age?
10. What is the puppy following a path to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

- 1) What does the article say there is a constant stream of?
 - a) dog stories
 - b) bad news
 - c) the Internet
 - d) screens
- 2) How long has the puppy survived so far?
 - a) 5 days
 - b) a fortnight
 - c) one week
 - d) a month
- 3) How many brothers and sisters does the puppy have?
 - a) six
 - b) nine
 - c) seven
 - d) eight
- 4) How many tails was the puppy born with?
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 5) What did the puppy's vet say are working "just fine"?
 - a) her organs
 - b) her paws
 - c) her legs
 - d) her tails
- 6) What did the vet call the puppy's survival?
 - a) a miracle
 - b) a marvel
 - c) astounding
 - d) heart-warming
- 7) What can the puppy scoot around like?
 - a) a hyena
 - b) an adult dog
 - c) a cat
 - d) a regular puppy
- 8) What did the vet say the puppy has to overcome?
 - a) steps
 - b) illnesses
 - c) some things
 - d) carpets
- 9) What kind of weight is the puppy at for her age?
 - a) anorexic
 - b) a little underweight
 - c) a little overweight
 - d) the correct weight
- 10) What is the puppy following a path to?
 - a) enlightenment
 - b) a happy and healthy weight
 - c) a kennel
 - d) fame and success

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Dogs

You think dogs are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, rabbits or sheep.

Role B – Goldfish

You think goldfish are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dogs, rabbits or sheep.

Role C – Rabbits

You think rabbits are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, dogs or sheep.

Role D – Sheep

You think sheep are the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, rabbits or dogs.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'miracle' and 'puppy'.

miracle	puppy
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• amid• severe• cross• normal• visible• despite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• miracle• longer• alive• overcome• page• path
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PUPPIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about puppies 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.

DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'miracle'?
3. What do you think of miracles?
4. Have you ever witnessed a miracle?
5. What miracles would you like to happen?
6. Do you prefer to read about bad or good news?
7. What do you think about puppies?
8. Which are cuter - puppies or kittens?
9. How will the puppy live life with six legs?
10. What advice do you have for the puppy's owner?

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DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'puppy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to work as a vet?
15. What do you think a vet does every day?
16. How strong are you?
17. What things in life have you overcome?
18. What milestones have you passed in life?
19. How can we get on a path to a happy life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the vet?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) constantly | (b) consistent | (c) constant | (d) contains |
| 2. | (a) severe | (b) sever | (c) severs | (d) severity |
| 3. | (a) cross | (b) plus | (c) minus | (d) star |
| 4. | (a) litter | (b) letter | (c) latter | (d) later |
| 5. | (a) visibility | (b) visible | (c) visor | (d) vision |
| 6. | (a) spites | (b) dispute | (c) spite | (d) despite |
| 7. | (a) revive | (b) arrive | (c) survival | (d) derive |
| 8. | (a) aspect | (b) inspect | (c) respect | (d) suspect |
| 9. | (a) indicate | (b) signal | (c) adhere | (d) times |
| 10. | (a) around | (b) up | (c) here | (d) where |
| 11. | (a) gravestones | (b) milestones | (c) headstones | (d) hearthstones |
| 12. | (a) alley | (b) highway | (c) path | (d) trail |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Amid the nctsoant stream of bad news
2. born with severe aobmailntreis
3. doctors are mtiipstsoic
4. her most visible engnotical conditions
5. two lower iuarrry tracts
6. two prodcuetrvie regions

Paragraph 2

7. called Skipper's rsivuval a "miracle"
8. we uspscet any other canine has
9. research does not dicinate one that has
10. some things to oorvceme
11. determined right now and igtnihrv
12. agsoicilnhpm all of her milestones

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () born, wrote: "She has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has....Published research does not
- () out "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are her most visible
- () tale comes from a hospital in Oklahoma, USA. A puppy born with severe abnormalities has survived
- () its first week, and doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed - she is a
- () Vets have called Skipper's survival a "miracle". The Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma, where she was
- () indicate one that has been born alive...with her combination of congenital conditions." It added: "Skipper is a strong
- () all of her milestones. She is following a path to a happy and healthy life."
- () congenital conditions. She has others, including two pelvic regions, two lower urinary tracts and two
- () reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's condition, her organs are working "just fine".
- () girl. She is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy." Neel added: "We think that she
- () border collie and Australian shepherd mix. She was one of a litter of nine puppies. While her brothers and sisters came
- () may have some things to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving." The miracle puppy has her
- (**1**) Amid the constant stream of bad news that fills our screens, a heart-warming
- () own Facebook page. It says: "She is currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. bad of Amid constant the stream news .
2. heart-warming A hospital . from tale comes a
3. live . she optimistic that are Doctors will
4. was of She of litter nine . a one
5. congenital These are conditions . visible her most
6. has . Survived than other any canine longer
7. that does indicate research not Published one has .
8. overcome . may some She things have to
9. her correct for weight at the Currently age .
10. to path a a She's healthy life . following

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Amid the *constantly* / *constant* stream of bad news that fills our screens, a heart-warming tale comes from a hospital in Oklahoma, USA. A puppy born with *severe* / *sever* abnormalities has survived its first week, and doctors are optimistic that she will live *the* / *a* healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed - she is a border collie and Australian shepherd *mix* / *amalgam*. She was one of a *latter* / *litter* of nine puppies. While her brothers and sisters came *in* / *out* "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two *tales* / *tails*. These are her most *visible* / *visibly* congenital conditions. She has others, including two pelvic *regions* / *regional*, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's *ill* / *condition*, her organs are working "just fine".

Vets have called Skipper's *living* / *survival* a "miracle". The Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma, where she was *childbirth* / *born*, wrote: "She has survived longer than we *respect* / *suspect* any other canine has....Published research does not *indicate* / *duplicate* one that has been born alive...with her combination *of* / *at* congenital conditions." It added: "Skipper is a strong girl. She is able to *scoot* / *snooty* around just like a regular puppy." Neel added: "We think that she may have some things to *undone* / *overcome*, but she is determined right now and *thriving* / *thrifty*." The miracle puppy has her own Facebook page. It says: "She is currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of her *landmarks* / *milestones*. She is following a *path* / *highway* to a happy and healthy life."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_m_d th_ c_nst_nt str__m _f b_d n_ws th_t f_lls __r
scr__ns, _ h__rtw_rmng t_l_ c_m_s fr_m _ h_sp_t_l
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b_t sh_ _s d_t_rm_n_d r_gh_t n_w _nd thr_v_ng." Th_
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_nd _ccmpl_sh_ng _ll _f h_r m_l_st_n_s. Sh_ _s
f_ll_w_ng _ p_th t_ _ h_ppy _nd h__lthy l_f_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210311-miracle-puppy.html>

amid the constant stream of bad news that fills our screens a heart-warming tale comes from a hospital in oklahoma usa a puppy born with severe abnormalities has survived its first week and doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life skipper the puppy is a crossbreed she is a border collie and australian shepherd mix she was one of a litter of nine puppies while her brothers and sisters came out normal skipper was born with six legs and two tails these are her most visible congenital conditions she has others including two pelvic regions two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions her vet said that despite skippers condition her organs are working just fine

vets have called skippers survival a miracle the neel veterinary hospital in oklahoma where she was born wrote she has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has published research does not indicate one that has been born alive with her combination of congenital conditions it added skipper is a strong girl. She is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy neel added we think that she may have some things to overcome but she is determined right now and thriving the miracle puppy has her own facebook page it says she is currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of her milestones she is following a path to a happy and healthy life

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Amid the constant stream of bad news that fills our screens, a heart-warming tale comes from a hospital in Oklahoma, USA. A puppy born with several abnormalities has survived its first week, and doctors are optimistic that she will live a healthy life. Skipper the puppy is a cross-breed - she is a border collie and Australian shepherd mix. She was one of a litter of nine puppies. While her brothers and sisters came out "normal," Skipper was born with six legs and two tails. These are her most visible congenital conditions. She has others, including two pelvic regions, two lower urinary tracts and two reproductive regions. Her vet said that despite Skipper's condition, her organs are working "just fine". Vets have called Skipper's survival a "miracle". The Neel Veterinary Hospital in Oklahoma, where she was born, wrote: "She has survived longer than we suspect any other canine has.... Published research does not indicate one that has been born alive... with her combination of congenital conditions." It added: "Skipper is a strong girl. She is able to scoot around just like a regular puppy." Neel added: "We think that she may have something to overcome, but she is determined right now and thriving." The miracle puppy has her own Facebook page. It says: "She is currently at the correct weight for her age and accomplishing all of her milestones. She is following a path to a happy and healthy life."

ACADEMIC WRITING

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All children should have a puppy to love. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PUPPIES: Make a poster about puppies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GOOD NEWS: Write a magazine article about news media being required to fill 50% of its content with good news stories. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on puppies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. g
6. a	7. e	8. c	9. f	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Bad news
2. One week
3. Eight
4. Two
5. Her organs
6. A miracle
7. A regular puppy

8. Many things
9. The correct weight
10. A happy and healthy life

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Amid the constant stream of bad news.
2. A heart-warming tale comes from a hospital.
3. Doctors are optimistic that she will live.
4. She was one of a litter of nine.
5. These are her most visible congenital conditions.
6. Survived longer than any other canine has.
7. Published research does not indicate one that has.
8. She may have some things to overcome.
9. Currently at the correct weight for her age.
10. She's following a path to a healthy life.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)