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Ozempic 2.0 weight-loss pill could be game-changer

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THE ARTICLE

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The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be launched next year, and they could be game-changing. The treatment, being dubbed "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill version of the already widely-used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its initial clinical trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "lowered weight by an average of 10.5 per cent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working on a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving with urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the needs of patients." The drugs are currently awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA.

The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to shed weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the majority of patients, this could be the main medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity." Currently, the drug is administered in the form of a once-weekly injection via an injectable pen. The pen has to be refrigerated. Mr Custer told reporters: "If approved, we are ready to offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can be scaled globally, removing barriers and redefining how obesity is treated around the world." It is also likely that the new treatment will be cheaper.

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WARM-UPS

1. WEIGHT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about weight. 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?

next generation / weight-loss drugs / pill / pharmaceutical / urgency / drugs / patients
game-changing / shed weight / diabetes / obesity / injection / refrigerated / barriers

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

3. DIET: Students A **strongly** believe people should lose weight via dieting rather than drugs; Students B **strongly** believe weight-loss drugs are ok. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WEIGHT LOSS: How effective are these things when trying to lose weight? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Effectiveness	Why?
No processed foods		
Weight-loss drugs		
More exercise		
Eating more vegetables		
No juice and alcohol		
Gastric surgery		

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

6. PILLS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pills at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Weight-loss pills
- Anti-ageing pills
- Multi-vitamin pills
- Headache pills
- Sleeping pills
- Anti-malaria pills
- Travel sickness pills
- Contraceptive pills

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. generation | a. Connected with doctors, hospitals or medical tests. |
| 2. dubbed | b. Official agreement or permission. |
| 3. pharmaceutical | c. A group of people or things born or made at the same time. |
| 4. clinical | d. Related to medicine or drugs. |
| 5. urgency | e. Given a name or nickname. |
| 6. regulatory | f. Something needing quick action. |
| 7. approval | g. Related to rules or laws. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. shed (verb) | h. A disease where the body has trouble dealing with sugar. |
| 9. diabetes | i. Being very overweight. |
| 10. obesity | j. Made bigger or smaller in size or number when compared with something. |
| 11. administered | k. Get rid of or lose something. |
| 12. injection | l. Giving a new meaning or way of thinking about something. |
| 13. scaled | m. Putting medicine into the body with a needle. |
| 14. redefining | n. When a medicine is given to someone. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

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

1. New weight-loss drugs were launched at the weekend. **T / F**
2. The new weight-loss drugs are in pill rather than injection form. **T / F**
3. The new drugs mean people will lose an average of 20% of their weight. **T / F**
4. The drugs were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. **T / F**
5. The new drugs will help people with obesity and type 2 diabetes. **T / F**
6. The drug Ozempic is given via an injectable pen. **T / F**
7. The new pills will need to be refrigerated. **T / F**
8. The new pills will be more expensive than the injections. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. generation | a. bulk |
| 2. dubbed | b. tests |
| 3. trials | c. requirements |
| 4. needs | d. trouble-free |
| 5. approval | e. batch |
| 6. shed | f. given |
| 7. majority | g. named |
| 8. administered | h. medication |
| 9. convenient | i. acceptance |
| 10. treatment | j. remove |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. a pill version of the already widely- | a. weight |
| 2. its initial clinical | b. of patients |
| 3. We are moving | c. around the world |
| 4. meet the needs | d. their type 2 diabetes |
| 5. The drugs are currently awaiting | e. with urgency |
| 6. easier for those hoping to shed | f. barriers |
| 7. they need to control | g. trials revealed that |
| 8. The pen has to be | h. approval |
| 9. removing | i. used Ozempic |
| 10. redefining how obesity is treated | j. refrigerated |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2021/12/201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be (1) _____ next year, and they could be game-changing. The (2) _____, being dubbed "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill (3) _____ of the already widely-used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its (4) _____ clinical trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "lowered weight by an (5) _____ of 10.5 per cent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working on a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving with (6) _____ toward global regulatory submissions to (7) _____ meet the needs of patients." The drugs are currently awaiting (8) _____ from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA.

initial
potentially
average
version
launched
approval
treatment
urgency

The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to (9) _____ weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the (10) _____ of patients, this could be the (11) _____ medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity." Currently, the drug is (12) _____ in the form of a once-weekly injection via an injectable pen. The pen has to be (13) _____. Mr Custer told reporters: "If approved, we are ready to (14) _____ a convenient, once-daily pill that can be scaled globally, removing (15) _____ and redefining how obesity is treated around the world." It is also (16) _____ that the new treatment will be cheaper.

offer
shed
main
barriers
likely
refrigerated
majority
administered

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/20251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

- 1) The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be _____
 - a. lunched next year
 - b. lunched next year
 - c. lauded next year
 - d. launched next year
- 2) The treatment, being _____
 - a. daubed "Ozempic 2.0"
 - b. dabbed "Ozempic 2.0"
 - c. dobbled "Ozempic 2.0"
 - d. dubbed "Ozempic 2.0"
- 3) its initial clinical trials revealed that Ozempic _____
 - a. 2.0 lowered weights
 - b. 2.0 lowered weighty
 - c. 2.0 lowered weight
 - d. 2.0 lowered waiting
- 4) Rival company Eli Lilly is also working _____
 - a. on a pill
 - b. in a pill
 - c. inner pill
 - d. honour pill
- 5) moving with urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the _____
 - a. needy of patients
 - b. needs of patients
 - c. needs off patients
 - d. need of patients
- 6) game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping _____
 - a. to shard weight
 - b. to shed weight
 - c. to shred weight
 - d. touché weight
- 7) For the majority of patients, this could be _____
 - a. the mains medicine
 - b. the main medicine
 - c. the main medicinal
 - d. the man medicine
- 8) the drug is administered in the form of a once-weekly injection via _____
 - a. an inflatable pen
 - b. an injectable pen
 - c. an intractable pen
 - d. an indelible pen
- 9) we are ready to offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can _____
 - a. be scaled globally
 - b. be scales globally
 - c. be scaling globally
 - d. be scale globally
- 10) removing barriers and redefining how _____
 - a. obesely is treated
 - b. obesity is treated
 - c. obesogenic is treated
 - d. obese is treated

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

1. When might the Ozempic 2.0 drug be launched?
2. In what form is the new drug?
3. How much did clinical trials reveal people lost on average?
4. What is the job title of Kenneth Custer?
5. From whom are drug companies awaiting approval?
6. Who might the new drugs help besides those who are obese?
7. What is the job of Dan Skovronsky?
8. How often are Ozempic injections administered?
9. How often will people need to take the new weight-loss pill?
10. How expensive will the new drugs be?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

- 1) When might the Ozempic 2.0 drug be launched?
 - a) next week
 - b) next month
 - c) next year
 - d) the year after next
- 2) In what form is the new drug?
 - a) It's a pill.
 - b) in capsule form
 - c) It's a syrup.
 - d) It's an inhaler
- 3) How much did clinical trials reveal people lost on average?
 - a) 9%
 - b) 9.5%
 - c) 10%
 - d) 10.5%
- 4) What is the job title of Kenneth Custer?
 - a) chief vice president
 - b) executive vice president
 - c) executive scientific officer
 - d) clinical trial leader
- 5) From whom are drug companies awaiting approval?
 - a) the Diabetes Society
 - b) the Obesity Society
 - c) the Food and Drug Administration
 - d) the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 6) Who might the new drugs help besides those who are obese?
 - a) drug companies
 - b) people with type 2 diabetes
 - c) people who had bariatric surgery
 - d) people with type 1 diabetes
- 7) What is the job of Dan Skovronsky?
 - a) clinical trial leader
 - b) executive scientific officer
 - c) chief vice president
 - d) chief scientific officer
- 8) How often are Ozempic injections administered?
 - a) daily
 - b) weekly
 - c) monthly
 - d) twice weekly
- 9) How often will people need to take the new weight-loss pill?
 - a) daily
 - b) weekly
 - c) twice weekly
 - d) monthly
- 10) How expensive will the new drugs be?
 - a) No too expensive.
 - b) It'll be very expensive.
 - c) No one knows yet.
 - d) They'll be cheaper.

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

Role A – Weight-loss Pills

You think weight-loss pills are the most useful pills. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their pills aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): anti-ageing pills, sleeping pills or travel sickness pills.

Role B – Anti-ageing Pills

You think anti-ageing pills are the most useful pills. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their pills aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): weight-loss pills, sleeping pills or travel sickness pills.

Role C – Sleeping Pills

You think sleeping pills are the most useful pills. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their pills aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): anti-ageing pills, weight-loss pills or travel sickness pills.

Role D – Travel Sickness Pills

You think travel sickness pills are the most useful pills. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their pills aren't as useful. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): anti-ageing pills, sleeping pills or weight-loss pills.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'weight' and 'diet'.

weight	diet

- 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">• launched• version• initial• working• moving• USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• life• main• control• via• ready• likely
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WEIGHT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

Write five GOOD questions about weight 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.

WEIGHT 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 'weight'?
3. What do you think of weight-loss drugs?
4. How healthy is your diet?
5. What do you think of modern medicines?
6. What do you think of pharmaceutical companies?
7. How can we avoid being tempted by high-calorie food?
8. Do people take too many kinds of medicine?
9. Should weight loss be achieved through means other than drugs?
10. Why are more and more people becoming obese?

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WEIGHT 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 'diet'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's the best way to lose weight?
15. Do you get enough exercise?
16. What do you know about diabetes?
17. Should high-calorie food be heavily taxed?
18. What do you think of injections?
19. What do you think of the price of medicine?
20. What questions would you like to ask the drug's makers?

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) do | (b) have | (c) be | (d) take |
| 2. | (a) dubbed | (b) dabbed | (c) dobbed | (d) daubed |
| 3. | (a) widely | (b) width | (c) widen | (d) wide |
| 4. | (a) revealed | (b) revealing | (c) revelation | (d) revel |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) in | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) waiting | (b) waited | (c) wait | (d) awaiting |
| 7. | (a) cabin | (b) shack | (c) shed | (d) hut |
| 8. | (a) mainly | (b) mains | (c) main | (d) maintain |
| 9. | (a) via | (b) viva | (c) duo | (d) intra |
| 10. | (a) approval | (b) approved | (c) approving | (d) approves |
| 11. | (a) climbed | (b) scaled | (c) inclined | (d) drained |
| 12. | (a) reclining | (b) divining | (c) redefining | (d) lining |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The next anorteengi of weight-loss drugs
2. being dbbdeu Ozempic 2.0,"
3. auchpltcriamea company
4. eeitvucex vice president
5. We are moving with rungcye
6. global yrgtrlouea submissions

Paragraph 2

7. game-changing icdiemsen
8. people with sedebait
9. the jamoryti of patients
10. well as their esbyoti
11. a once-weekly tjinoecin
12. The pen has to be rdgeirfreeat

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () changing. The treatment, being dubbed "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill version of the already widely-
- () currently awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA.
- () injectable pen. The pen has to be refrigerated. Mr Custer told reporters: "If approved, we are ready to
- () obesity." Currently, the drug is administered in the form of a once-weekly injection via an
- () of patients, this could be the main medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their
- () offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can be scaled globally, removing barriers and redefining how obesity is
- () on a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving with
- () The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to shed
- (**1**) The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be launched next year, and they could be game-
- () treated around the world." It is also likely that the new treatment will be cheaper.
- () trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "lowered weight by an average of 10.5 per cent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working
- () urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the needs of patients." The drugs are
- () used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its initial clinical
- () weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the majority

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

1. next The of generation could drugs launched be .
2. A version pill the of widely-used already Ozempic .
3. lowered It by weight average an 10.5 per cent .
4. We're with moving toward urgency regulatory global submissions .
5. are Drugs awaiting currently from approval FDA the .
6. The medicines game-changing make could much life easier .
7. could This the be medicine main need they .
8. Administered the in of form once-weekly a injection .
9. how Redefining is obesity around treated world the .
10. Likely the that treatment new be will cheaper .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/20251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

The next *generational* / *generation* of weight-loss drugs could be launched next year, and they could *been* / *be* game-changing. The treatment, being *daubed* / *dubbed* "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill *aversion* / *version* of the already widely-used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its *initial* / *initially* clinical trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "*slowed* / *lowered* weight by an average of 10.5 per cent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working *in* / *on* a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving *with* / *for* urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the *needy* / *needs* of patients." The drugs are currently awaiting *approval* / *approve* from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA.

The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for *them* / *those* hoping to *shed* / *shade* weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the majority *of* / *in* patients, this could be the *main* / *mainly* medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity." Currently, the drug is *admonished* / *administered* in the *form* / *frame* of a once-weekly injection via an injectable pen. The pen has to be *refrigerating* / *refrigerated*. Mr Custer told reporters: "If *approved* / *approval*, we are ready to offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can be *scales* / *scaled* globally, removing barriers and redefining how obesity is treated around the world." It is also *likelihood* / *likely* that the new treatment will be cheaper.

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

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

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Th_ n_xt g_n_r_t__n _f w__ght-l_ss dr_gs c__ld b_
l__nch_d n_xt y__r, _nd th_y c__ld b_ g_m_-ch_ng_ng.
Th_ tr__tm_nt, b__ng d_bb_d "_z_mp_c 2.0," _s _ p_ll
v_rs__n _f th_ _lr__dy w_d_ly-_s_d _z_mp_c. N_v_
N_rd_sk, th_ ph_rm_c__t_c_l c_mp_ny d_v_l_p_ng th_
n_w t_bl_t f_rm, s__d _ts _n_t__l cl_n_c_l tr__ls
r_v__l_d th_t _z_mp_c 2.0 "l_w_r_d w__ght by _n
_v_r_g_ _f 10.5 p_r c_nt". R_v_l c_mp_ny _l_ L_lly _s
ls w_rk_ng _n _ p_ll. _ts _x_c_t_v_ v_c_ pr_s_d_nt,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

the next generation of weightloss drugs could be launched next year and they could be gamechanging the treatment being dubbed ozempic 20 is a pill version of the already widelyused ozempic novo nordisk the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form said its initial clinical trials revealed that ozempic 20 lowered weight by an average of 105 per cent rival company eli lilly is also working on a pill its executive vice president kenneth custer said we are moving with urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the needs of patients the drugs are currently awaiting approval from the food and drug administration fda in the usa

the gamechanging medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to shed weight and for people with diabetes eli lilly chief scientific officer dan skovronsky said for the majority of patients this could be the main medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity currently the drug is administered in the form of a oncedaily injection via an injectable pen the pen has to be refrigerated mr custer told reporters if approved we are ready to offer a convenient oncedaily pill that can be scaled globally removing barriers and redefining how obesity is treated around the world it is also likely that the new treatment will be cheaper

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be launched next year, and they could be game-changing. The treatment, being dubbed "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill version of the already widely-used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its initial clinical trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "lowered weight by an average of 10.5 percent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working on a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving with urgency toward global regulatory submission to potentially meet the needs of patients." The drugs are currently awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA. The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to shed weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the majority of patients, this could be the main medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity." Currently, the drug is administered in the form of a once-weekly injection via an injectable pen. The pen has to be refrigerated. Mr Custer told reporters: "If approved, we are ready to offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can be scaled globally, removing barriers and redefining how obesity is treated around the world. It is also likely that the new treatment will be cheaper."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

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

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251201-ozempic-weight-loss-pill.html>

We should lose weight by exercising and not by using weight-loss drugs. Discuss.

[illegible]

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

4. HIGH-CALORIE FOOD: Write a magazine article about taxing high-calorie food more to encourage healthier eating. 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 weight. Ask him/her three questions about weight. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to lose weight. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Next year
- It's a pill.
- 10.5 per cent
- Executive vice president
- The Food and Drug Administration
- People with type 2 diabetes
- Chief Scientific Officer
- Weekly
- Daily
- They'll be cheaper.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The next generation of drugs could be launched.
- A pill version of the already widely-used Ozempic.
- It lowered weight by an average of 10.5 per cent.
- We're moving with urgency toward global regulatory submissions.
- Drugs are currently awaiting approval from the FDA.
- The game-changing medicines could make life much easier.
- This could be the main medicine they need.
- Administered in the form of a once-weekly injection.
- Redefining how obesity is treated around the world.
- Likely that the new treatment will be cheaper.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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