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Israeli organ donors to get better treatment

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Israel has a new plan to get people to donate organs. A new law means people who carry organ donation cards will be first in line to receive organs, if they need them. Signing a donor card also means the donor's family members will be higher in the queue if they need a transplant. This scheme is to encourage more Israelis to become organ donors. Only ten per cent of Israeli adults have signed a donor card. This figure is much lower than in Western countries. More than thirty per cent of adults are organ donors in Europe and the USA.

This is a fantastic idea. Donating your organs after you die helps other people live. I feel great that my body can help people when I'm gone. However, there is a better system. There should be a law that everyone is an organ donor unless they say no. There could be a special piece of paper they sign that says they do not want to donate organs. Organ donation is a tricky subject in many countries. Some cultures think all of the body should be whole when it is buried or cremated. I wonder if the new Israeli law will work.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. get people | a. to become organ donors |
| 2. first in | b. in the queue |
| 3. family members will be higher | c. lower |
| 4. encourage more Israelis | d. to donate organs |
| 5. This figure is much | e. countries |
| 6. Western | f. line |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. This is a fantastic | a. a better system |
| 2. helps other | b. cremated |
| 3. there is | c. people live |
| 4. a special piece | d. subject |
| 5. Organ donation is a tricky | e. idea |
| 6. buried or | f. of paper |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Israel has a new plan _____ donate organs. A new law means people who carry organ donation cards _____ to receive organs, if they need them. Signing a donor card also means the donor's family members will be higher _____ they need a transplant. _____ encourage more Israelis to become organ donors. Only ten per cent of Israeli _____ a donor card. This figure is much lower than in Western countries. _____ per cent of adults are organ donors in Europe and the USA.

This is _____. Donating your organs after you die helps other people live. I feel great _____ help people when I'm gone. However, there is a better system. There _____ that everyone is an organ donor unless they say no. There could be a special _____ they sign that says they do not want to donate organs. Organ donation is a _____ in many countries. Some cultures think all of the body should be whole when it is buried or cremated. _____ new Israeli law will work.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Israel has a new plan to (1) _____ people to donate organs. A new law means people who carry organ donation cards will be first in (2) _____ to receive organs, if they need them. Signing a donor card also (3) _____ the donor's family members will be higher in the queue if they need a transplant. This scheme is to encourage more Israelis to become organ donors. Only ten per cent (4) _____ Israeli adults have signed a donor card. This figure is much (5) _____ than in Western countries. More than thirty per cent of adults are organ donors in Europe and the USA.

This is a fantastic idea. (6) _____ your organs after you die helps other people live. I feel great that my body can help people when I'm (7) _____. However, there is a better system. There should be a law that everyone is an organ donor (8) _____ they say no. There could be a special piece of paper they sign that says they do not want to donate organs. Organ donation is a (9) _____ subject in many countries. Some cultures think all of the body should be whole when it is buried or cremated. I wonder if the new Israeli law will (10) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) get | (b) be | (c) do |
| 2. | (a) like | (b) life | (c) line |
| 3. | (a) meaning | (b) means | (c) meant |
| 4. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) at |
| 5. | (a) down | (b) lower | (c) below |
| 6. | (a) Donating | (b) Donates | (c) Donation |
| 7. | (a) going | (b) gone | (c) goes |
| 8. | (a) unless | (b) useless | (c) less |
| 9. | (a) tricks | (b) tricked | (c) tricky |
| 10. | (a) working | (b) works | (c) work |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. antedo organs
2. be irstf in line
3. family sbrmeem
4. oaencrgeu more Israelis
5. This iegufr is much lower
6. thirty per cent of tdasul

Paragraph 2

7. a tsatnfaci idea
8. I feel ergta
9. a better ysestm
10. a tciryk subject
11. ebdriu or cremated
12. I odnwre

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () members will be higher in the queue if they need a transplant. This scheme is to encourage more Israelis to become
- () help people when I'm gone. However, there is a better system. There should be a law that everyone is an
- (**1**) Israel has a new plan to get people to donate organs. A new law means people who carry organ donation
- () than in Western countries. More than thirty per cent of adults are organ donors in Europe and the USA.
- () This is a fantastic idea. Donating your organs after you die helps other people live. I feel great that my body can
- () donate organs. Organ donation is a tricky subject in many countries. Some cultures think all of the body
- () organ donor unless they say no. There could be a special piece of paper they sign that says they do not want to
- () organ donors. Only ten per cent of Israeli adults have signed a donor card. This figure is much lower
- () should be whole when it is buried or cremated. I wonder if the new Israeli law will work.
- () cards will be first in line to receive organs, if they need them. Signing a donor card also means the donor's family

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. organs new get donate A to to plan people.

2. receive to line in first Be organs.

3. queue the in higher will members Family. be

4. is scheme This Israelis more encourage to.

5. figure lower Western This much in is than countries.

6. after die Donating organs you your.

7. gone help people My when body I'm can.

8. There piece could of be paper a special.

9. tricky donation a subject Organ is.

10. should when buried body whole is The be it.

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. _____

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 more information about organ donation. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about organ donation. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a doctor. Ask him/her three questions about organ donation. Give him/her three of your opinions on organ donation. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.