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Tall people have greater risk of cancer

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Scientists have found that tall people have a higher risk of getting cancer. Researchers from Britain's University of Oxford say that for every 10 cm above 150 cm, a person was 16 per cent more likely to get cancer. Women who were over 175 cm tall were 37 per cent more at risk than women who were 150 cm. The study found that with tallest women the rate of cancer was 10 per thousand women. For smaller women, it was 7.5 per thousand. The study was very large. It looked at the health of over one million women between 1996 and 2001.

Cancer experts said tall people do not need to be worried by this new report. They say that being tall is not a reason for cancer and that there are other things that cause cancer. One reason might be tall people have more cells, so there is a higher chance of cells becoming cancerous. Another possibility is that growth hormones add to the risk of cancer. Doctors say the most important way to reduce the risk of cancer is to live healthily. People who smoke, drink lots of alcohol and are overweight have a bigger risk of getting cancer.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. tall people have a higher risk | a. thousand women |
| 2. 16 per cent more | b. at risk |
| 3. 37 per cent more | c. of getting cancer |
| 4. the rate of cancer was 10 per | d. one million women |
| 5. The study was | e. likely to get cancer |
| 6. It looked at the health of over | f. very large |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cancer | a. reason for cancer |
| 2. people do not need to be worried | b. smoke |
| 3. being tall is not a | c. healthily |
| 4. growth | d. experts |
| 5. live | e. hormones |
| 6. People who | f. by this new report |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Cancer experts said tall people _____ worried by this new report. They say that being tall is not a reason for cancer and that there are other things _____. One reason might be tall people have more cells, so there is a _____ cells becoming cancerous. Another possibility is that growth hormones _____ cancer. Doctors say the most important _____ risk of cancer _____. People who smoke, drink lots of alcohol and are overweight have a bigger risk of getting cancer.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Scientists have (1) _____ that tall people have a higher risk (2) _____ getting cancer. Researchers from Britain's University of Oxford say that for every 10 cm above 150 cm, a person was 16 per cent more (3) _____ to get cancer. Women who were over 175 cm tall were 37 per cent more at risk than women who were 150 cm. The study found that (4) _____ tallest women the (5) _____ of cancer was 10 per thousand women. For smaller women, it was 7.5 per thousand. The study was very large. It looked (6) _____ the health of over one million women between 1996 and 2001.

Cancer experts said tall people do not need to be worried (7) _____ this new report. They say that being tall is not a (8) _____ for cancer and that there are other things that cause cancer. One reason might be tall people have more cells, so there is a higher (9) _____ of cells becoming cancerous. Another possibility is that (10) _____ hormones add to the risk of cancer. Doctors say the most important way to (11) _____ the risk of cancer is to live healthily. People who (12) _____, drink lots of alcohol and are overweight have a bigger risk of getting cancer.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) found | (b) find | (c) finds |
| 2. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) of |
| 3. | (a) liked | (b) likely | (c) liking |
| 4. | (a) with | (b) so | (c) to |
| 5. | (a) rat | (b) rated | (c) rate |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) in |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) so | (c) by |
| 8. | (a) reason | (b) season | (c) treason |
| 9. | (a) possible | (b) event | (c) chance |
| 10. | (a) grows | (b) growth | (c) growing |
| 11. | (a) reduce | (b) deduce | (c) produce |
| 12. | (a) smoking | (b) smoke | (c) smoker |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a hhgrie risk
2. tnegtig cancer
3. 16 per cent more lekliy
4. asllrme women
5. It ldoeko at the health
6. one lomliin women

Paragraph 2

7. rpesext said tall people do not need to be worried
8. being tall is not a eonras
9. things that suaec cancer
10. orhgwt hormones
11. ueedcr the risk
12. live lheyhtli

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 150 cm. The study found that with tallest women the rate of cancer was 10 per
- (**1**) Scientists have found that tall people have a higher risk of getting cancer. Researchers from
- () of alcohol and are overweight have a bigger risk of getting cancer.
- () that growth hormones add to the risk of cancer. Doctors say the most important way to reduce
- () Britain's University of Oxford say that for every 10 cm above 150 cm, a person was 16 per cent more
- () very large. It looked at the health of over one million women between 1996 and 2001.
- () the risk of cancer is to live healthily. People who smoke, drink lots
- () likely to get cancer. Women who were over 175 cm tall were 37 per cent more at risk than women who were
- () be tall people have more cells, so there is a higher chance of cells becoming cancerous. Another possibility is
- () Cancer experts said tall people do not need to be worried by this new report. They say that
- () being tall is not a reason for cancer and that there are other things that cause cancer. One reason might
- () thousand women. For smaller women, it was 7.5 per thousand. The study was

WORD JUMBLE

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

1. Tall a of have risk cancer people higher getting.

2. to per get cent cancer more likely 16.

3. over were who Women tall cm 175.

4. rate was thousand The cancer per of 10 women.

5. of over one million women It looked at the health.

6. need Tall to people be do worried not.

7. a Being reason tall for is cancer not.

8. are There cancer cause that things other.

9. Growth risk hormones of add cancer to the.

10. to reduce the risk of cancer The most important way.

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. BEING TALL: Search the Internet and find more information about being tall. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about being tall. Include imaginary interviews with tall and short people. 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 height expert. Ask him/her three questions about being tall. Give him/her three of your opinions on being tall. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.