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U.S. surgeons with drink/drug problems

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A new study says around 15 per cent of American surgeons have a problem with alcohol or drugs. The University of Washington team looked at 7,197 surveys from doctors who answered questions about drink and drugs. The research team was surprised so many doctors had problems. Their dependency was higher than the rate for the general population, which is 9 per cent. The team found that younger doctors, those with no children, or those in unsatisfactory relationships were more likely to drink or use drugs.

The report is published in the journal "Archives of Surgery". It also said that doctors who showed signs of alcoholism were 45 per cent more likely to admit that they made a major mistake at work recently. Less than a third of the surgeons who received the survey answered it. Lead author Dr Michael Oreskovich said this may be because of doctors who did not want to answer because they were ashamed. The survey also said 14 per cent of male surgeons and 25 per cent of female surgeons had alcohol problems.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. 7,197 | a. relationships |
| 2. answered | b. surveys |
| 3. surprised so many doctors | c. or use drugs |
| 4. the rate for the general | d. questions |
| 5. those in unsatisfactory | e. population |
| 6. more likely to drink | f. had problems |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. published in the journal | a. likely |
| 2. showed signs of | b. at work recently |
| 3. more | c. third |
| 4. made a major mistake | d. "Archives of Surgery" |
| 5. Less than a | e. ashamed |
| 6. they were | f. alcoholism |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A new study says _____ American surgeons have a problem with alcohol or drugs. The University of Washington team looked at _____ doctors who answered questions about _____. The research team was surprised so many doctors had problems. _____ was higher than the rate for the general population, which is 9 per cent. The _____ younger doctors, those with no children, or those in unsatisfactory relationships were _____ drink or use drugs.

The _____ in the journal "Archives of Surgery". It also said that doctors who _____ alcoholism were 45 per cent more _____ that they made a major mistake at work recently. Less than a third of the surgeons who received the _____ it. Lead author Dr Michael Oreskovich said this _____ of doctors who did not want to answer because they were ashamed. The survey also said 14 per cent of male surgeons and 25 per cent of _____ had alcohol problems.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A new study says (1) _____ 15 per cent of American surgeons have a problem with alcohol or drugs. The University of Washington team (2) _____ at 7,197 surveys from doctors who answered questions (3) _____ drink and drugs. The research team was surprised (4) _____ many doctors had problems. Their dependency was higher than the (5) _____ for the general population, which is 9 per cent. The team found that younger doctors, those with no children, or those (6) _____ unsatisfactory relationships were more likely to drink or use drugs.

The report is published in the (7) _____ "Archives of Surgery". It also said that doctors who (8) _____ signs of alcoholism were 45 per cent more likely to admit that they made a (9) _____ mistake at work recently. Less than a third of the surgeons who received the survey answered it. Lead author Dr Michael Oreskovich said this (10) _____ be because of doctors who did not want to answer because they were (11) _____. The survey also said 14 per cent of male surgeons and 25 per cent of (12) _____ surgeons had alcohol problems.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) speaks | (b) says | (c) talks |
| 2. | (a) looking | (b) look | (c) looked |
| 3. | (a) about | (b) around | (c) ago |
| 4. | (a) such | (b) so | (c) seem |
| 5. | (a) late | (b) date | (c) rate |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at |
| 7. | (a) journey | (b) journal | (c) journalist |
| 8. | (a) shows | (b) showing | (c) showed |
| 9. | (a) major | (b) majority | (c) majored |
| 10. | (a) say | (b) may | (c) lay |
| 11. | (a) ashamed | (b) shame | (c) shameful |
| 12. | (a) feminine | (b) ladylike | (c) female |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. oranud 15 per cent
2. a problem with caolloh
3. 7,197 urvssey
4. ecerahsr team
5. the elnerag population
6. more leliky to

Paragraph 2

7. published in the noaujlr
8. doctors who owhdes signs
9. a major taiesmk
10. Lead rthoua
11. did not want to wrnuae
12. they were hasedma

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () or drugs. The University of Washington team looked at 7,197 surveys from doctors who
- (**1**) A new study says around 15 per cent of American surgeons have a problem with alcohol
- () answered it. Lead author Dr Michael Oreskovich said this may be because of doctors who did not
- () population, which is 9 per cent. The team found that younger doctors, those with
- () The report is published in the journal "Archives of Surgery". It also said that doctors who showed
- () per cent of male surgeons and 25 per cent of female surgeons had alcohol problems.
- () so many doctors had problems. Their dependency was higher than the rate for the general
- () signs of alcoholism were 45 per cent more likely to admit that they made a major mistake
- () at work recently. Less than a third of the surgeons who received the survey
- () no children, or those in unsatisfactory relationships were more likely to drink or use drugs.
- () want to answer because they were ashamed. The survey also said 14
- () answered questions about drink and drugs. The research team was surprised

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

1. cent per 15 Around surgeons American of.

2. questions , from answered 7,197 surveys who doctors.

3. rate the population The for general.

4. unsatisfactory in relationships Those .

5. drugs use or drink to likely More.

6. journal the in published is report The.

7. alcoholism Doctors showed of who signs.

8. a made they that Admit mistake major.

9. surgeons the of third a than Less.

10. had % alcohol of problems female surgeons 25.

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. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS: Search the Internet and find more information about alcohol and drugs. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about alcohol and drugs. Include an imaginary interview with an addicted doctor. 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 an alcohol and drugs expert. Ask him/her three questions about alcohol and drugs. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.