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## **Level 2**

# **Thousands wake up during surgery**

**14th September, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-2.html>

A report in England says thousands of patients a year wake up during operations. The report is from two organisations for anaesthetists – people who make us sleep before surgery. It said at least 150, and possibly several thousand, patients a year wake up on the operating table. Doctors say this is very rare and happens in one in every 19,000 operations. Patients who wake up during an operation say they felt fear and panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up because the drugs that relax their muscles mean they cannot move or communicate.

Researchers looked at around three million operations in public hospitals. They used the data to find ways to improve operations. They made 64 recommendations to reduce accidents in operating theatres. The most basic one was for doctors to use a checklist before each operation. This could reduce mistakes made by doctors. It could also make sure the patient has the correct levels of drugs. They also think a monitor can help doctors know if the patient wakes up. The report will hopefully mean anaesthetists will be able to understand if a patient wakes up.

Sources: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/2014/09September/Pages/Hundreds-report-waking-up-during-surgery.aspx>  
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/509217/Surgery-Awake-Patient-UK-Anaesthetic-NHS>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/hundreds-of-patients-wakeup-during-surgery-9724262.html>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140914-surgery-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. thousands of patients a | a. every 19,000 operations |
| 2. people who make us      | b. thousand                |
| 3. possibly several        | c. and panic               |
| 4. on the operating        | d. their muscles           |
| 5. one in                  | e. sleep before surgery    |
| 6. they felt fear          | f. table                   |
| 7. the drugs that relax    | g. communicate             |
| 8. they cannot move or     | h. year wake up            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. ways to                 | a. 64 recommendations |
| 2. They made               | b. levels of drugs    |
| 3. The most                | c. made by doctors    |
| 4. use a                   | d. wakes up           |
| 5. reduce mistakes         | e. checklist          |
| 6. the correct             | f. doctors know       |
| 7. a monitor can help      | g. improve operations |
| 8. understand if a patient | h. basic one          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report in England says (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a year wake up during operations. The report is from two organisations for anaesthetists – people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ before surgery. It said at least 150, and possibly several thousand, patients a year wake (3) \_\_\_\_\_ table. Doctors say this is very rare and happens (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 19,000 operations. Patients who wake up during an operation (5) \_\_\_\_\_ panic. A patient cannot tell the doctors if he/she wakes up because the drugs that (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mean they cannot move or communicate.

Researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ three million operations in public hospitals. They used (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ways to improve operations. They made 64 recommendations to reduce accidents in operating theatres. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for doctors to use a checklist before each operation. This could reduce mistakes made by doctors. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the patient has the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They also think a monitor can help doctors know if the patient wakes up. The report will hopefully mean anaesthetists will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a patient wakes up.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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