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Pregnancy

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Pregnancy is a time of great emotion, and a bit of pain and discomfort. For most people, the news that a woman is pregnant brings great joy. I remember being too happy to speak. I phoned everyone I knew. From that very minute, your life changes. You start thinking about names and whether it'll be a boy or a girl. Of course, you hope the pregnancy will be problem-free. The hospital visits are exciting. I loved looking at the ultrasound scans. It's amazing to see the tiny baby move and see its heart beat. The later stages of pregnancy are the most difficult. This is when the mother wants the baby to come so she can take the weight off her feet. I reckon pregnancy is similar all over the world.

LISTENING GAP FILL

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT PREGNANCY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pregnancy 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.

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 INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about pregnancy. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about pregnancy. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. PREGNANCY POSTER Make a poster about pregnancy. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PREGNANCY LESSON: Make your own English lesson on pregnancy. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on pregnancy. Share your findings with the class.

