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## Surgery

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Surgery has saved or improved millions of lives. It's amazing to think that doctors have the ability to cut us open and repair us. Some of the surgery nowadays is unbelievable. Doctors and surgeons can replace organs like the heart, operate on the brain, and repair the lens in our eyes. A lot of what surgeons do is like a miracle. They truly have our life in their hands when we're on the operating table. One of the recent developments is keyhole surgery. This is where doctors no longer need to cut you open to operate. They stick thin instruments into a small hole in your body and use a camera to do the operation. I can't imagine what operations of the future will be like. Maybe we'll operate on ourselves.



## 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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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SURGERY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about surgery 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 surgery. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

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

**5. MY SURGERY LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on surgery. 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 surgery. Share your findings with the class.

