

The text will be about a life without pain.
 What is the connection?
 What do you think the text will be about?

A life without pain



Burn (verb)	Боль
Cut (verb)	Вывихнуть
Hurt	Истекать кровью
Injure	Кровь
Fall over	Обжечься (глагол)
Trip over	Ожог (существительное)
Slip over	Порез(существительное)
Bleed	Порезать (глагол)
Sprain	Поскользнуться
Brake	Ранить
Bruise	Синяк
Burn (noun)	Сломать
Cut (noun)	Споткнуться
Injury	Травма
Pain	Травмировать
Blood	Упасть

A All children hurt themselves from time to time. But when thirteen-year-old Ashlyn Blocker was younger, she had more accidents and injuries than her friends. For example, she once put her hands on a very hot engine and got a serious burn. She only knew about it when she looked at her skin. She showed her parents and they took her straight to hospital. Ashlyn simply did not know when she injured herself.

B When Ashlyn was a baby, her parents knew she was different: she didn't cry. Then, when she was eight months old, they noticed there was some blood in her eye, so they took her to see a doctor. The doctor was shocked and confused when he looked at Ashlyn's eye: there was a serious cut. So why wasn't the baby girl upset? Why didn't she cry? The eye injury soon got better, but doctors realised that Ashlyn had a very unusual medical condition: she couldn't feel any pain.

C This condition is very rare: only about a hundred people a year in the USA are born with it, and many of them die because of it. Pain is a natural warning: when you're ill or injured, your body hurts and this tells you there's a problem. People who can't feel pain often die young because when they break a bone or have a problem with their heart, they just don't realise.

In which paragraph does the writer tell us ...

1 when doctors realised Ashlyn had a medical problem?

2 what causes her condition?

3 what happened when she burned her hands?

4 what scientists are doing to find a cure?

5 why some people die from this condition?

6 what treatment Ashlyn receives every day for her problem?

7 how school life for Ashlyn was unusual?

D The first few years of Ashlyn's life were very difficult. She often tripped and injured herself. Once, she broke her ankle and didn't know, so she didn't stop running. At school, Ashlyn needed a lot of attention to keep her safe. For example, in the playground, one teacher watched Ashlyn all the time. When other children fell over, the teachers could ask, 'Does it hurt?' But of course, with Ashlyn, it was not so simple, and the teachers had to search for cuts, bruises or other injuries.

E When she was five, Ashlyn's story appeared in newspapers. Then she had invitations to appear on TV shows and became well known. Scientists studied the causes of her condition and found it was a genetic disorder. For some reason, pain signals do not reach her brain. Unfortunately, at the moment, there is no hope of a cure. And as Ashlyn knows, a life without pain is both difficult and dangerous.

How How many When What Who Why

1 _____ did Ashlyn burn her hands?

2 _____ was the doctor shocked when he saw Ashlyn's eye injury?

3 _____ people are born with this medical condition in the USA each year?

4 _____ watched Ashlyn carefully in the playground at school?

5 _____ did Ashlyn's story first appear in newspapers?

6 _____ is the cause of Ashlyn's medical condition?

Tell me about last time you: