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READING

1 Read the article. Match the paragraphs (1–8) with the sentences (a–k). There are three extra sentences.

1 It's not until we feel sick that we realise how lucky we are to have good health. But, imagine having an illness all your life, and not really understanding how it is to hear or see things. Most people have no idea how this would affect us.

2 Andrea Diaz, a young woman from the USA had had problems with her ears all her life. She had never been able to hear anything properly, including the voices of her family or boyfriend.

3 She went to the University of Mississippi hospital, to have an operation on her ears. As soon as the operation had finished, the doctors asked if Andrea could hear anything. She said she could, but everything sounded very strange.

4 She was then taken to meet her boyfriend, who had never been able to speak to her before. The first thing he said – and the first thing Andrea heard – was "Will you marry me?" Andrea immediately started to cry. She had never been so happy before.

5 Kathy Bleitz, from Canada, had been blind since a very young age. She had a disease which meant that her eyes and vision got worse and worse. When she was older, she became a mother.

6 When her baby was born, Kathy was given a pair of special new glasses, which helped blind people to see things. She saw her baby, and recognised his face "He has my mouth," she said. She had never seen a baby before.

7 Not only that, but it was also the first time she was able to see her husband holding her baby. For Kathy, that was the happiest feeling of all – being able to see the two people she loved most.

8 The glasses that Kathy wore cannot help everyone who is blind, and are very expensive, costing around $15,000. But for some people, perhaps, being able to see your own baby for the first time is worth paying every penny.

0 Paragraph 1
1 Paragraph 2
2 Paragraph 3
3 Paragraph 4
4 Paragraph 5
5 Paragraph 6
6 Paragraph 7
7 Paragraph 8

a Sometimes, paying a lot for something can be a good thing.
b One deaf woman had never heard her family speak.
c The first words someone said made their partner very happy.
d Most people have problems with seeing or hearing when they get older.
e Many of us don't know how it is to be blind or deaf.
f One woman, who could not see, had a baby.
g A lot of money is spent on helping people to hear and see.
h A successful operation helped a woman to hear things for the first time.
i New technology helped a woman see her child for the first time.
j People who can't see often have very good hearing.
k Being able to see two people made someone very happy.

2 Read the article again. Complete the sentences with words from the list in each gap. There are five extra words.

accident doctor ears eyes glasses
~~health~~ hear husband marry mouth
operation see speak voice

0 Most of us don't know how lucky we are to have good *health*.
1 Andrea Diaz didn't have the ability to _____.
2 She didn't know what her boyfriend's _____ was like.
3 She improved after an _____.
4 She cried because her boyfriend wanted to _____ her.
5 Kathy Bleitz didn't have the ability to _____.
6 She improved because of some expensive _____.
7 Seeing her baby with her _____ made her happy.
8 She thought her baby had the same _____.

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