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A broken body isn't a broken person



A. Match the words or phrases to their definitions on the right (write the correct letter in each box).

1	paraplegic (n)		a	the inner part of your spine that contains nerves going from your brain to the other parts of your body
2	brace (n)		b	one of the small bones that are linked together to form the backbone (spine)
3	vocal cords (n)		c	to use a needle and thread to close a large cut or wound on someone
4	limp (n)		d	a person who is permanently unable to move or feel the legs or lower half of the body because of injury or illness
5	spinal cord (n)		e	a soft mass of almost solid blood that blocks a tube in your body
6	stitch up (v)		f	a person who is permanently unable to move or feel both arms and both legs because of injury or illness
7	drip (n)		g	the very thin muscles inside your throat that you use for making sounds
8	vertebra (n)		h	a slow and awkward way of walking caused by an injury to a leg or foot
9	quadriplegic (n)		i	a piece of equipment used in a hospital for putting a liquid such as medicine directly into your body
10	blood clot (n)		j	an object that supports a part of your body and holds it in the correct position after you have injured it.

B. Now watch the video and decide whether the following statements are true or false? Write T for True or F for False.

1	Janine had only been on her bike for 10 minutes when she was hit by the truck.	
2	She was taken to hospital by a rescue helicopter.	
3	For the next ten days she balanced between life and death.	
4	After the operation Janine could move one of her legs.	
5	The doctor told her she would never walk again without support.	
6	The patients in Janine's ward could see each other through a mirror above their heads.	
7	While in hospital Janine lost about eighty pounds.	
8	She thought of learning how to fly when she saw an airplane in the sky.	
9	When she arrived at the flying school, the instructors were reluctant to give her a flying lesson.	
10	She became a flying instructor 18 months after the accident.	



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