

Listening Comprehension



A – Before you listen to the article ‘*Half the world's population get headaches*’, match the words from the article to their meanings.

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| 1. regular | a. The way something looks or is. |
| 2. suffer | b. Feel or experience bad or unpleasant things. |
| 3. published | c. More than anything else. |
| 4. mainly | d. Happening at the same or similar times or frequency. |
| 5. migraine | e. Most important, head. |
| 6. form | f. Prepared and issued a book, journal, or piece of music to sell to people. |
| 7. lead | g. A very, very, very, very bad headache. |

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| 1. likely | a. It is everywhere or happening at a particular time. |
| 2. clear | b. Taking everything as a whole. |
| 3. overall | c. Medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury. |
| 4. prevalent | d. Such as well might happen or be true; probable. |
| 5. suggest | e. Easy to see or understand. |
| 6. treatment | f. In such a way as to get a good result. |
| 7. effectively | g. Say something for people to think about. |

B - Listen to the article and mark True or False.

1. The article says people who are alone get headaches.	T		F	
2. Researchers looked at 357 studies that gave them headaches.	T		F	
3. Researchers said 52% of people in the study got headaches each year.	T		F	
4. A researcher was surprised that so many people got headaches.	T		F	
5. Women get more headaches than men.	T		F	
6. Men get more migraines than women.	T		F	
7. The number of people who get headaches is going down.	T		F	
8. A researcher wants to find ways to stop people from getting headaches.	T		F	

C – Listen to the article again and fill in the gaps.

Half the world's population get headaches

If you get regular headaches, you are not _____. A new report says half of us suffer from _____. Researchers from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology looked at 357 different studies on headaches from 1961 to 2020. The report was published in "The Journal of Headache and Pain". The studies were _____ from rich countries. They included information on general headaches, migraines, and headaches from tension. The researchers said that 52 per cent of people in the study suffered from some _____ of headache every year. The lead researcher, Lars Jacob Stovner, was _____ that the numbers were so big and that so _____ people got headaches.

The researchers found that women are more _____ to get headaches than men. They said 17 per cent of women get migraines, compared to 9 per cent of men. Six per cent of women get headaches on 15 or more days a month, while the number is three per cent for men. Mr Stovner said: "What is _____ is that overall, headache disorders are _____ prevalent worldwide and can be a [great pain]." He said more people are getting headaches, saying: "The _____ does suggest that headaches and migraine rates may be _____." Stovner added that more research was needed. He said it was _____, "to analyze the different causes of headaches...to target prevention and treatment more _____".

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