

3 FOCUS ON WRITING

VOCABULARY

REVIEW

Complete the paragraph using the words in the boxes.

advocates impact potential revolutionize risk factors

Many people believe that genetic testing will continue to 1. the practice of medicine. These 2., who support genetic testing, believe it has the 3. to save many lives. They point out that after genetic testing, patients will know their 4. and will be able to better choose their treatment plans. These supporters acknowledge that the 5. of getting a positive test result could be devastating but point out that, with proper counseling, people will have the tools to make the best decisions for their individual situations.

consult environment linked reliable skeptical

However, others are 6. of the value of genetic testing. For one thing, some people don't believe it is 7.. In addition, they note that without professional help to interpret the results, patients may experience more harm than good from the tests. Of course, there wouldn't be a problem if patients were required to 8. with their doctors about the results. Another issue is that some diseases are not caused by genetics, but rather are 9. to lifestyle, 10., or a combination of the two.

A further area of concern is that doctors still do not fully understand the _____
11. between specific genes and how this affects the possibility for disease. Although there may never
be complete _____
12. on the value of genetic testing, the way the public and the medical
establishment view specific treatments and therapies may change over time. Don't forget that when
Norman Cousins first used Laughter Therapy in the summer of 1964, it was definitely viewed as
a(n) _____
13. therapy. Nowadays, it is used in many hospitals around the world and has
entered the realm of _____
14. medicine.

EXPAND

1 Write S if the word pairs have a similar meaning. Write D if they have a different meaning.

1. reliable / dependable _____	9. elicit / produce _____
2. impact / interaction _____	10. consensus / disagreement _____
3. conventional / alternative _____	11. consulted / asked advice of _____
4. interpret / elicit _____	12. potential / ability _____
5. revolutionize / change _____	13. aspect / factor _____
6. environment / surroundings _____	14. skeptical / doubtful _____
7. treatment / diagnosis _____	15. advocate / supporter _____
8. linked / connected _____	

2 Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. Whole genome testing looks at the **impact / interaction** of our 20,000 genes with one another and our environment.
2. A medical professional can help a patient **elicit / interpret** genetic test results.
3. After the doctor told Norman Cousins he was suffering from ankylosing spondylitis, Cousins had to decide on his **treatment / diagnosis**.
4. The idea of genetic testing is still a controversial topic. There is ongoing **disagreement / consensus** on when it should be used.
5. When Norman Cousins first used Laughter Therapy, it was considered a(n) **alternative / conventional** treatment.
6. Norman Cousins watched comedy films as a way to **revolutionize / elicit** positive emotions.
7. Some people are skeptical of Cousins's original **diagnosis / treatment**. They don't think he was ever suffering from a severe form of arthritis.