**NTR AND SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD**

A) Search for information on the following website: <https://usa.cryosinternational.com/>

B) <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/0504/050428-surrogate.html>

**TEXT:**

# Surrogate mother donates 5 boys

**BNE:** In an extraordinary act of selflessness, a woman has given birth to five baby boys and then **handed** them to a couple who were unable to have children. Teresa Anderson, 25, had originally agreed to be a surrogate mother for Luisa Gonzalez and Enrique Moreno for the sum of $15,000. The deal, **naturally**, was for just one baby. Five embryos were implanted inside Ms Anderson to increase the chances of success. However, she got more than she **bargained** for when all five started developing. Following this discovery, she **waived** her fee, refusing to accept payment from the genetic parents because of the financial burden she knew they would face. Teresa, a student nurse, has two children of her own.

The quintuplets were **delivered** by Caesarean section at one-minute **intervals**. One has a rare heart defect and will need surgery to survive. Doctors had planned to deliver the babies at 34 weeks, but when Ms Anderson’s blood pressure rose, they decided on an early delivery. A team of 25 medical staff was needed for the birth. Ms Anderson said after the delivery: “I thought it was amazing. It was just a wonderful blessing to see those babies and hear their cries.” The new **parents** were elated. The proud father said: “We were always looking for just one…If it's five, it's for a reason.” He admitted there would be money struggles ahead to make **ends** meet in raising his new brood.

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1. Were you surprised at anything you read in the article?
2. Have you ever done an extraordinary act of selflessness?
3. What is the kindest thing anyone has done for you?
4. What do you know about surrogacy?
5. What do you think about surrogacy?
6. What do you think about Teresa Anderson’s act?
7. Would you have waived the $15,000 fee?

**2. TRUE / FALSE:**

1. A woman was extraordinarily selfless. T / F
2. A woman had five babies and then decided she didn’t want them. T / F
3. A woman and a childless couple agreed to try and have five babies. T / F
4. A woman waived her surrogacy fee knowing the parents had little money. T / F
5. The five babies were all delivered inside five minutes. T / F
6. All babies are healthy and doing well. T / F
7. A nurse delivered all of the babies single-handedly. T / F
8. The proud father is not worried about how to make ends meet. T / F

**3. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

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| a. | selflessness | substitute |
| b. | surrogate | relinquished |
| c. | sum | get by |
| d. | waived | strain |
| e. | burden | ecstatic |
| f. | intervals | altruism |
| g. | blessing | offspring |
| h. | elated | gaps |
| i. | make ends meet | amount |
| j. | brood | godsend |

**4. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases (more than one combination is possible):

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| a. | extraordinary act | her fee |
| b. | originally | intervals |
| c. | increase the chances | agreed |
| d. | she got more than | blessing |
| e. | she waived | ends meet |
| f. | delivered by | she bargained for |
| g. | one-minute | delivery |
| h. | an early | of selflessness |
| i. | wonderful | of success |
| j. | make |  |