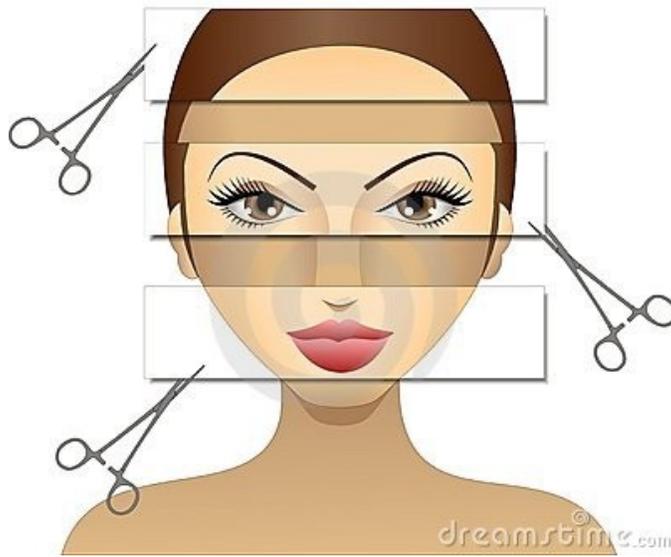


Woman Has First Face Transplant



Synonym Match

Match the following synonyms:

a. revolutionary	connecting
c. anonymous	groundbreaking
d. experts	unknown
e. breakthrough	specialists
f. attaching	step forward

Pre-Listening Questions

1. What did the surgeons replace?
2. How old is the woman?
3. What happened to her?
4. What were taken from the brain-dead woman?
5. According to experts, what are the most difficult parts of the face to transplant?

Listening Activity

Instruction: Click on the link below and listen to the recording by pressing the "Play" button.
<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0512/051201-transplant-e.mp3>

Post-Listening Questions

1. What do you think about the news report?
2. What are the dangers if the transplant doesn't work?
3. Even if it is successful, the woman will be on drugs forever and may get cancer. Is the operation worth it?
4. Do you think someone who has a face transplant is a different person after?
5. How do you think colleagues, family, friends, neighbors, etc. might react when they see someone they know with a different face?
6. How do you think the family of the donor will feel when they see their daughter's nose, lips and chin on someone else?

Text Completion Quiz

Instruction: Listen and fill in the spaces.

French doctors have finished the _____ first face transplant. In the revolutionary operation, _____ replaced the nose, lips and chin of a 38-year-old woman. The patient was attacked and disfigured by a dog in May. Her injuries _____ she had difficulty talking and chewing food. Doctors say the woman is in "excellent" _____ and that the transplanted organs look "normal". Doctor Jean-Michel Dubernard, the _____ surgeon, refused to give details of the woman's condition and the _____ of success. He did say that his patient wants to _____ anonymous and that the organs were taken from a brain-dead woman.

Experts in _____ reconstruction said the mouth and nose are the most difficult parts of the face to successfully transplant. In the _____, surgeons have performed scalp and ear transplants. Facial injuries, _____ those the woman suffered, have always been impossible to _____. If this surgery is successful, it will be a _____ breakthrough in reconstructive surgery for the actual face. The operation requires removing skin and muscles from the _____ and attaching them to the patient's face. The appearance of the new face will be somewhere between the _____ face and the organ donor's face.