

Ex 4 Read the text. Fill in the gaps using given words

Doctors in Canada have (1) _____ for a ban on the use of perfumes and aftershaves in hospitals and (2) _____. They say the chemicals in the scents can trigger asthma and allergies. Research shows that over (3) _____ of asthma attacks are caused by irritants such as (4) _____ smells. Besides perfumes and aftershaves, these can include cigarette smoke, cleaning (5) _____ and other strong fragrances and odours. Dr Ken Flegel and Dr James Martin of McGill University in Canada wrote about the (6) _____ of smells in hospitals in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. They said: "Hospital environments (7) _____ from artificial scents should become a uniform policy, promoting the safety of patients, staff and visitors (8) _____."

Powerful (4)
called (1)
free (7)
fluids (5)
half (3)
alike (8)
clinics (2)
dangers (6)

Strong smells affect many of us in one way or (9) _____. Around a third of people say they are physically affected by artificial (10) _____ worn by others. The doctors noted that this should be a serious (11) _____ in all hospitals. They wrote: "While artificial scents are designed to make us more (12) _____, they may result in unintended harm to those who are (13) _____. There is emerging evidence that asthma, in some cases, is primarily aggravated by artificial scents." They added that: "This is (14) _____ concerning in hospitals, where vulnerable patients with asthma or other upper airway or skin (15) _____ are concentrated." They warn that scents in hospitals can make these patients' condition (16) _____.

Attractive
(12)
scents (10)
sensitivities
(15)
another (9)
vulnerable
(13)
worse (16)
concern (11)
particularly
(14)

Ex. 5 Read the headline. Choose if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Doctors want to ban the use of perfumes in clinics. **T / F**
- b. A third of asthma attacks are caused by things like strong smells. **T / F**
- c. The doctors who came up with the ban are from a Canadian university. **T / F**
- d. The doctors said artificial scents are OK in hospitals and clinics. **T / F**
- e. Artificial smells affect around a third of us. **T / F**
- f. Doctors say artificial smells can harm people who are vulnerable. **T / F**
- g. Doctors say artificial scents are no problem for those with sensitive skin. **T / F**
- h. Doctors say artificial scents will not worsen a patient's condition. **T / F**

Ex 6 Match the following synonyms from the article.

- 1. ban (F)
- 2. trigger (A)
- 3. adours (I)
- 4. free from (C)
- 5. uniform (H)
- a. set off
- b. touch
- c. without
- d. state
- e. worry

6. affect (B)
7. concern (E)
8. artificial (J)
9. evidence (G)
10. condition (D)

- f. prohibition
- g. proof
- h. identical
- i. smells
- j. synthetic

Ex. 7 Choose the best suitable answer.

1. What else did doctors call for a ban on besides perfume?
 - a) flowers
 - b) garlic
 - c) smoking
 - d) aftershaves
2. What is it in perfumes that the doctors said could trigger asthma?
 - a) water vapour
 - b) chemicals
 - c) bacteria
 - d) nitrogen
3. What kind of fluids are mentioned as being strong odours?
 - a) bodily fluids
 - b) lighter fluid
 - c) cleaning fluids
 - d) watery fluids
4. In which country do the doctors who called for the ban work?
 - a) Canada
 - b) Japan
 - c) Brazil
 - d) Nigeria
5. What kind of policy did the doctors say hospitals should have?
 - a) a strict one
 - b) an open-door policy
 - c) a uniform one
 - d) a lax one
6. What proportion of us are physically affected by artificial scents?
 - a) about 1/3
 - b) over half
 - c) three-quarters
 - d) two-fifths
7. What did the doctors say artificial scents are designed to do?
 - a) make us feel good
 - b) copy natural smells
 - c) hide body odour
 - d) make us more attractive
8. Who did the doctors say artificial scents could harm?
 - a) the vulnerable
 - b) nurses
 - c) the aged
 - d) perfume factory workers
9. What kind of sensitivities are mentioned at the end of the article?
 - a) emotional sensitivities
 - b) gum sensitivities
 - c) skin sensitivities
 - d) natural sensitivities
10. What did the doctors say scents could do to a patient's condition?
 - a) alleviate it
 - b) worsen it
 - c) improve it
 - d) nothing

Ex. 8 Answer the following questions.

- What kind of policy did the doctors say hospitals should have?
- What proportion of us are physically affected by artificial scents?
- What did the doctors say scents could do to a patient's condition?