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Keeping the Country Healthy 保持国民健康

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

It seems that politicians around the world are thinking about the health of their countries. While in China, Chen Zhu has announced his plans for a **universal health service and reform** across health services, Gordon Brown, the UK Prime Minister, has also announced he is planning to make some changes in our health service.

The **crux** of Mr Brown's proposals are related to giving the NHS (National Health Service) a greater focus on **prevention**, rather than just **curing patients**.

He is planning to introduce increased **screening** for common diseases such as heart disease, **strokes**, and **cancer**, for example breast cancer. In Britain there are 200,000 deaths a year from **heart attacks** and **strokes**, many of which might have been avoided if the **condition** had been known about.

Initially, the **diagnostic tests** will be available for those who are most **vulnerable**, or most likely to have the disease, but later on the Prime Minister claims that they will be more widely available. One example is a plan to offer all men over 65 an ultrasound test to check for problems with the main artery, a condition which kills 3,000 men a year.

The **opposition** have criticised Mr Brown's proposals, saying that they are just a **gimmick**, and claiming that there is no proper **timetable** for the changes. They also say that Mr Brown is reducing the money available for the treatment of certain conditions while **putting more money towards testing** for them.

The NHS was founded in 1948, and is paid for by **taxation**. The idea is that the rich pay more towards the health service than the poor. However in recent years there has been a great increase in the use of private healthcare.

Many people who can afford it choose to pay for medical care, often because it can be quicker, although the doctors and hospitals are often the same! NHS **waiting lists** for operations can be very long, so people can **jump the queue** by paying for their operation.

Glossary 词汇表

universal health service 全民医疗服务	reform 改革
crux 要点	prevention 预防
curing 治疗	patients 病人
screening 检查/查体	strokes 中风
cancer 癌症	heart attacks 心脏病发作
condition 病状	diagnostic tests 诊断性检查
artery 动脉	opposition 反对（党）派
gimmick 花招	timetable 时间表
putting more money towards 向...注入资金	taxation 税收
waiting lists 等候名单	jump the queue 插队；夹三儿

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真？哪句是假？请圈出正确答案。

1. All health care in the UK is government funded. True / False
2. Gordon Brown is planning to spend more money on testing for diseases.
True / False
3. People choose private health care because they want to see better doctors.
True / False
4. Other political parties agree with Mr Brown's proposals. True / False
5. The NHS has existed for 60 years. True / False

2. Odd ones out 选出另类词

Which in each group is the odd one out?

你能找出下列各组中的另类词吗？

1. Diseases

a) cancer b) heart attack c) reform d) stroke

2. Jobs

a) politician b) diagnostic c) doctor d) accountant

3. Places

a) operation b) hospital c) surgery d) library

4. Words connected with money

a) funding b) taxation c) salary d) crux

3. Words ending 'shun' 以shun音结尾的词

Each of these words sounds as if it ends 'shun'. Complete the words to show whether they are end with 'tion' or 'ssion'?

下面这些词都已shun音结尾，不过拼写不同，请你在 'tion' 或 'ssion' 之中选一个填空。

1. taxa_____

2. preven_____

3. permi_____

4. condi_____

5. posse_____

6. expre_____

7. opposi_____

8. aggre_____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with health reforms in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与医疗改革有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

p	w	r	t	y	u	r	e	f	o	r	m
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c	d	e	v	x	h	e	a	l	t	h	o
s	a	z	a	e	a	e	c	f	r	c	n
s	k	n	l	x	n	m	a	n	b	v	d
t	h	j	c	r	s	t	e	s	t	w	i
r	e	r	o	e	t	y	i	k	p	r	t
o	q	s	n	p	r	i	v	o	g	f	i
k	w	t	a	x	a	t	i	o	n	d	o
e	u	m	n	b	v	c	x	z	a	s	n
p	r	i	v	a	t	e	i	o	h	j	k

health	reform	prevention	cancer	stroke
condition	test	treatment	taxation	private

Answers 答案

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- People choose private health care because they want to see better doctors. **False**
- Other political parties agree with Mr Brown's proposals. **False**
- The NHS has existed for 60 years. **True**

3. Words ending 'shun' 以shun音结尾的词

- taxation
- prevention
- permission
- condition
- possession
- expression
- opposition
- aggression

2. Odd ones out 选出另类词

- Diseases
c) reform
- Jobs
b) diagnostic
- Places
a) operation
- Words connected with money
d) crux

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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o					r			o		i
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