

skint	without money, broke
take the mickey	tease or mock
tosh	nonsense
a tosser	an idiot



Web task

Do you want to find out more about the topic of the article? Go to www.waspreporter.nl for a web task.

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Assignment 22

Listening

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Keep your magazine closed and listen to the article. Which words are missing? Choose the correct answers.

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| 1 A flabbergasted | 6 A complete truth |
| B furious | B sad diagnosis |
| 2 A deny | 7 A brave |
| B disclose | B open |
| 3 A interviewed | 8 A hold her back |
| B treated | B propel her forward |
| 4 A secrecy | 9 A a coincidence |
| B simplicity | B cool |
| 5 A quite dumb | 10 A break down |
| B very alone | B develop |

Assignment 23

Post-listening

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Team up with two or three classmates and talk about what you've just heard. Discuss the following questions.

- Before listening to the article, had you ever heard the word 'intersex'? Did you know what it means?
- After listening to this article, do you think you fully understand the concept of being intersex? Can you explain it to your fellow student(s)? Try to come up with a clear definition.
- What is the difference between a transgender and an intersex person?
- What is the difference between being androgynous and being intersex?
- What do you think of 'normalising' surgeries on intersex babies? Do you agree with Hanne Odiele, who is against them?

Assignment 24

Reading

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Now read the article and decide whether the following statements are *true* or *false*. Explain why you think the false statements are incorrect.

- Hanne Odiele was very young when she became seriously ill because of being intersex.
- Hanne's parents thought it would be better to keep Hanne's condition secret.
- Hanne became a famous model because she is intersex and different.
- Hanne didn't have an intersex role model when she grew up.
- Urologist Ilene Wong is glad that nowadays fewer intersex children are being operated on when they are still very small.
- There are approximately as many intersex people as people with red hair.
- Hanne had to take a lot of time off from school for medical examinations.
- Hanne's internal testes were surgically removed when she was around ten years old.
- There was not much information around on being intersex when Hanne was a child.
- When Hanne hit puberty, she could finally start to take hormones, which made her feel better.
- Hanne made contact with another intersex person for the first time through a magazine.
- Genital surgery on intersex children is usually very painful.
- Hanne has always been very open about her condition.
- John Swiatek, Hanne's husband, needed some time to accept the consequences of Hanne's condition.
- Hanne wants to use the media attention she gets as a model to help other intersex people.

Assignment 25

Language Organiser

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In the text, you have encountered some English names for typically male and female organs like *testes* and *uterus*. Match the following organs (most of which are part of both male and female bodies!) with their Dutch translations.

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| 1 kidneys | a baarmoeder |
| 2 bladder | b longen |
| 3 uterus | c eierstokken |
| 4 testes | d hersenen |
| 5 ovaries | e lever |
| 6 liver | f luchtpijp |
| 7 heart | g darmen |
| 8 lungs | h nieren |
| 9 stomach | i zaadballen |
| 10 brain | j milt |
| 11 intestines | k blaas |
| 12 pancreas | l hart |
| 13 spleen | m slokdarm |
| 14 oesophagus | n alvleesklier |
| 15 trachea | o maag |

B

Read the descriptions and fill in the missing words.

- 1 When you've got the feeling you've got to pee, your ... is full.
- 2 The ... makes sure the air you breathe can get to your lungs.
- 3 Some women look very feminine but might not have a(n) ... or ...
- 4 The ... are bean-shaped organs which remove waste products from our blood.
- 5 When the ... muscle is weak, blood cannot be pumped efficiently enough to get oxygen to all of the cells in your body.
- 6 The ... is the organ where the digestion of your food begins.
- 7 A stroke is a medical emergency when the blood supply to your ... is interrupted or reduced.
- 8 Drinking too much alcohol often causes damage to the ..., which is a large, vital organ.

Assignment 26

Grammar

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'the whole landscape is finally *changing* as people are *becoming* more aware of the consequences' (ll. 59-62)
'she was *reading* a Dutch teen magazine when she came across a story about a girl who couldn't have babies' (ll. 117-120)

The verbs in *italics* are examples of the continuous tense. The present continuous (*duurvorm in de tegenwoordige tijd*) indicates that something is happening at this very moment. The past continuous (*duurvorm in de verleden tijd*) indicates that something was happening in the past. It's often something that was going on for a longer period of time, or something that was interrupted by another event (like in the second example).

Read the sentences and fill in the correct form of the verbs. Use the present or the past continuous.

- 1 Hanne Odiele's parents ... (to *feel*) very alone when it turned out their baby daughter had a rare condition.
- 2 Hanne ... (to *go through*) a difficult period when she was seventeen, and decided to find out what the full story was.
- 3 Nowadays, specialists advise parents of intersex babies to be transparent, but when Hanne was a child, everyone ... (to *try*) to keep it a secret.
- 4 Hanne's friends say that her condition ... (not – to *hold*) her back.
- 5 Hanne got married and ... (to *live*) a normal life – insofar as is possible for a model!
- 6 The Belgian model ... (to *use*) her fame to let intersex people know they can and should be accepted as they are.
- 7 So while she once ... (to *struggle*) with her own identity, she ... (now – to *help*) others.
- 8 Fortunately, groups like InterACT ... (to *combat*) the shame that so many intersex people might still feel.

Assignment 27

Watching

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Go to bit.ly/wr-intersex and watch the video. Then answer the following questions.

- 1 Why do you think these people call themselves 'intersex'?
- 2 What does Pidgeon mean to say with the example of intersex dinosaurs?
- 3 What does the girl who has testes say about the attitude of many doctors she has seen?
- 4 What does Saifa tell about his childhood?
- 5 Why is it difficult for intersex people to find other people who are like them?
- 6 What can be one of the most important steps for intersex people, according to Pidgeon?

Assignment 28

Speaking

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You are going to prepare and have a conversation between two friends. One of you is a 17-year-old boy or girl who has just found out he or she is intersex. The other person is a good friend.

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Work with a classmate. Decide who will play which role. Have a look at the speech cards and take a few minutes to prepare your role. Try to use information you learned from the text on Hanne Gaby Odiele and have a look at the Communication Toolbox. Then have the conversation. Make sure it lasts around five minutes.

Speech card A – Intersex person

- Tell your friend the news and how you feel about this.
- Answer your friend's questions, but only if you are comfortable doing so.
- Tell your friend three things you are worried about. Ask how he or she would deal with those things.
- Ask your friend if he/she thinks this will affect your friendship.

Speech card B – Best friend

- Listen to your friend's news and give a first reaction: how do you feel about this?
- Ask your friend if this has come as a surprise or not.
- Ask your friend at least four questions about his/her condition and how he/she is feeling. Choose your words carefully and be tactful – your friend might not want to go into physical details too much.
- React to the things your friend tells you. He/She is worried about certain things. What would you do if this happened to you?
- Answer your friend's question. Think of a fitting way to end the conversation.