



### OUR TRANSPLANT GIRL IS A LITTLE FIGHTER

The parents of a seven-month-old girl who had a **liver transplant** following a **nation-wide appeal** for a donor, spoke yesterday of their **relief** that she was responding well to **surgery**. Hannah Parkins, whose own liver had been **failing**, had been given days to live before her six hour operation on Friday night at the Diana, Princess of Wales Children's Hospital in Birmingham. Thanking the donor family, Hannah's mother, Gillian Parkins, 30, from Hyde, Greater Manchester, said: "We're very, very **grateful** to them in what must be a very difficult and **traumatic** time. Hannah is looking well and is responding." The baby's father, Steven, 34, a medical technician, was cautiously optimistic, saying she still had a way to go. "She's a fighter," he said. She's only a little thing but she's very strong. "We've been very **fortunate**. We've had all these people to help us. But it'll be couple of weeks before we can really relax." The Parkins were speaking at the start of National Transplant Awareness Week. Jean de Ville de Goyet, the Belgian **surgeon** who **headed** the transplant team, said: "There have been no major complications. It's working nicely. When it starts that way, there's lot of **hope**."

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### VOCABULAIRE

liver = foie  
transplant = transplantation  
nation-wide = dans le pays entier  
appeal = appel  
relief = soulagement  
surgery = opération  
failing = déficient  
grateful = reconnaissant  
traumatic = traumatisant  
fortunate = chanceux  
surgeon = chirurgien  
to head = diriger  
hope = espoir



### QUESTIONS

- A) What is the story about?  
1) a doctor who became famous  
2) a baby who had a liver transplant  
3) a hospital which was destroyed in a fire
- B) Where is Hannah from?  
1) Japan  
2) England  
3) Germany
- C) The end of the text is mainly...  
1) optimistic  
2) pessimistic  
3) sad



### ANSWERS

- A2 | B2 | C1  
Les questions:  
A) De quoi parle le texte? D'un médecin qui est devenu célèbre? D'un bébé qui a une transplantation de foie? D'un hôpital détruit par le feu?  
B) D'où vient Hannah? Japon? Angleterre? Allemagne?  
C) La fin du texte est principalement... optimiste/pessimiste/triste?