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5. What do you think the words 'to be scrapped' mean?
6. What would happen to the activists' motion if it was passed? *It would become* _____.
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9. What has the bill failed to win the support of, as well as the public, according to party activists?
10. What is the NHS having to make at the moment? *significant* _____
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12. How many motions on health will the conference organisers consider for debate?
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15. Where did the UN Human Rights Council meet?
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18. What did the gunman Raoul Moat do to David Rathband?
19. Where in Northumberland has David Rathband been found dead?
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21. What is the home secretary's surname?
22. What did she say about David Rathband? *She said he was a* _____ _____
_____.

23. Who have been killed by two local people in southern Afghanistan?

24. In which country is the stricken cruise liner, the Costa Allegra, registered?
25. What broke out three days ago?
26. What did this leave the ship without?
27. What did passengers do as the ship came into port in the Seychelles? *They* _____ *the railings and* _____.



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2. Which party is Nick Clegg the leader of? **the Liberal Democrat Party**
3. What is the party holding next week? **its spring conference**
4. What is the full name of the health bill? **The Health and Social Care Bill**
5. What do you think the words 'to be scrapped' mean? **to be withdrawn, to be binned**
6. What would happen to the activists' motion if it was passed? **It would become party policy.**
7. What is the name of the BBC reporter at Westminster? **Vicky Young**
8. Which word do you hear instead of 'changes'? **'amendments'**
9. What has the bill failed to win the support of, as well as the public, according to party activists? **health professionals**
10. What is the NHS having to make at the moment? **significant savings**
11. Which word means 'more difficult'? **'harder'**
12. How many motions on health will the conference organisers consider for debate? **several**
13. What are most MPs and peers supportive of? **The changes that have been made to the bill.**

14. Which country has been condemned for acts of violence against civilians? **Syria**
15. Where did the UN Human Rights Council meet? **in Geneva**
16. What is Homs? **It's a city in Syria.**

17. What was David Rathband's job? **He was a policeman.**
18. What did the gunman Raoul Moat do to David Rathband? **He blinded him.**
19. Where in Northumberland has David Rathband been found dead? **at his home**
20. How old was he? **44**
21. What is the home secretary's surname? **May**
22. What did she say about David Rathband? **She said he was a fine and brave policeman.**

23. Who have been killed by two local people in southern Afghanistan? **two NATO soldiers**

24. In which country is the stricken cruise liner, the Costa Allegra, registered? **Italy**
25. What broke out three days ago? **a fire in the engine-room**
26. What did this leave the ship without? **Power**
27. What did passengers do as the ship came into port in the Seychelles? **They lined the railings and cheered.**



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INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL

1. Nick Clegg has suffered a _____ in his attempt to _____ support _____ his _____ party for _____ reforms.
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3. They will call for the Health and Social Care _____ to be _____.
4. If passed, the motion _____ become party policy.
5. The BBC reporter's name is Vicky _____.
6. Nick Clegg has promised to _____ for further amendments to the Health Bill.
7. This emergency motion says the bill has _____ to _____ support from the public or health _____.
8. The motion says introducing the Health Bill would be _____ disruptive at a time when the NHS is having to save a lot of money.
9. It also says it will make restructuring the NHS even _____.
10. The motion calls for the bill to be _____ or defeated.
11. The Lib Dem conference organisers will consider _____ motions on health for debate.
12. Privately the party leadership is confident that with _____ MPs and peers supportive of the _____ that have been made to the bill, _____ be able to _____ a challenge from activists.

13. Diplomats meeting in Geneva have _____ a motion condemning Syria _____ acts of violence _____ civilians.
14. The resolution was passed by the _____ Human Rights Council.
15. The resolution also calls for _____ access for humanitarian aid.
16. Reports from Syria say government troops are preparing for a full-scale attack _____ the _____ of Homs.

17. David Rathband, the policeman who was _____ by the gunman Raoul Moat, has been _____ dead at his _____ in Northumberland at the age of _____.
18. The _____ Secretary, Theresa _____, has said he was 'a fine and _____ policeman'.

19. NATO says two of _____ soldiers have been killed in _____ Afghanistan by two _____ people.
20. It's believed one of the activists was an _____ soldier.

21. The stricken _____ cruise liner, the Costa Allegra, has _____ in the Seychelles.
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5. The BBC's correspondent at Westminster is Vicky Gung.
6. Nick Clegg has promised his party that he'll press for further amendments to the Health Bill.
7. However, this emergency motion says the bill has failed to win the support of the public or people who work in the healthcare sector.
8. The NHS is having to save a lot of money at the moment.
9. The emergency motion says the bill will make restructuring the NHS more difficult.
10. The emergency motion calls on the bill to be either drawn up or defeated.
11. The Lib Dem conference organisers will consider seven motions on health for debate.
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17. Now his body has been found at his home in Cumberland.
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5. The BBC's correspondent at Westminster is Vicky Gung. (F 'Vicky Young')
6. Nick Clegg has promised his party that he'll press for further amendments to the Health Bill. (T)
7. However, this emergency motion says the bill has failed to win the support of the public or people who work in the healthcare sector. (T health professionals, i.e. people who work in the healthcare sector)
8. The NHS is having to save a lot of money at the moment. (T 'at a time [when] the NHS is having to make significant savings')
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11. The Lib Dem conference organisers will consider seven motions on health for debate. (F 'several', not seven)
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14. The resolution was passed by the UN Human Rights Council (T)
15. Reports from Syria say government troops are preparing for a full-scale attack on the city of Oms. (F 'Homs')

16. David Rathband, a 44-year-old policeman, lost his sight thanks to the gunman Raoul Moat. (T He was blinded by Raoul Moat.)
17. Now his body has been found at his home in Cumberland. (F Northumberland)
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