

Abreast of its time 丰胸术五十周年

英语学习点: 和美容手术有关的词汇 *Vocabulary: cosmetic surgery*

It is 50 years since the first **breast enlargement** using **silicone implants**. Today it rates as the second-most popular form of **cosmetic surgery** worldwide, undergone by 1.5 million women in 2010. It is just behind **liposuction** in popularity.

It was spring 1962 when Timmie Jean Lindsey lay down on the **operating table** at a hospital in Texas and went from a B to a **C cup**, in an operation that boosted her **self-confidence**.



"I don't think I got the full results of them until I went out in public and men on the street would whistle at me," says Lindsey, now aged 80.

The idea of inserting material in the breasts to make them look more **bountiful** wasn't new. Paraffin, tried in the 1890s, was quickly dropped because it leaked to other parts of the body, according to Teresa Riordan, author of *Inventing Beauty: A History of the Innovations that Have Made Us Beautiful*.

In the 1920s and 1930s doctors tried moving fat from other parts of the body to the breasts. And in the 1950s sponges, wood and even glass balls were tried.

The first **guinea pig** for the silicone implant was a dog that had them removed after chewing its **stitches**.

But the implants would prove popular in the decade in which *Playboy* magazine and Barbie were launched. Film stars played a big role too. "The **busty** look of Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell really emphasised this **curvy silhouette**," says Riordan.

But the history of implants didn't run smoothly. In the 1990s, the US Federal Drug Administration (FDA) **banned** silicone implants as it investigated possible links to an immune response disease. The industry made big **payouts**, but studies found no basis for the fears, and they returned.

Timmie Jean Lindsey remains delighted with the results, but puzzled by the unforgiving effects of **gravity** on her **bosom**. "You would think they would stay real **perky**, but no - they are just like a regular breasts, they begin **to sag** over the years."

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What is the most popular type of cosmetic surgery in the world?
2. When did doctors try using sponges to increase the size of women's breasts?
3. True, false or not given: *The guinea pig used for silicone implant experiments chewed its stitches.*
4. Who banned silicone implants?
5. Look at the article. Can you find two adjectives which refer to 'women with large breasts'?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Rhinos are one of the heaviest land animals but one thing that has _____ scientists is how they carry their weight on such little feet.

pushed	quizzed	leaked	puzzled
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2. My boss has promised me a bonus this year and I expect a substantial _____.

payback	payout	pay-as-you-go	pay off
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3. Despite having _____ talent, the lack of determination hampers Tom's career as a musician.

beauty	bosom	puzzled	bountiful
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4. Betty is bound to be a successful businesswoman. She's smart, well-educated and has lots of self-_____.

confident	trusty	confidence	enlargement
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5. My school's headmaster says he doesn't want distractions and he's _____ us from using mobile phones in the classroom.

banned bothered	removed	puzzled
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What is the most popular type of cosmetic surgery in the world? Liposuction.
2. When did doctors try using sponges to increase the size of women's breasts? In the 1950s.
3. True, false or not given: *The guinea pig used for silicone implant experiments chewed its stitches.* False.
The animal the article refers to is a dog and not a guinea pig.
4. Who banned silicone implants? The US Federal Drug Administration (FDA).
5. Look at the article. Can you find two expressions which refer to 'women with large breasts'? Curvy and busty.

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Glossary 词汇表

breast enlargement	丰胸
silicone implant	硅胶植入
cosmetic surgery	美容/体手术
liposuction	吸脂
operating table	手术台
C cup	C 号/大号胸罩
self-confidence	自信心
bountiful	丰满的, 宽大的
guinea pig	豚鼠
a stitch	一针线
busty	胸部丰满的
curvy silhouette	轮廓曲线
to ban	禁止
payout	赔偿
gravity	地心引力
bosom	胸部
perky	挺拔
to sag	下垂