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Lingohack

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Today's Headlines:

Obama says Trump unfit to be president

Singapore scientists create cyborg beetle

Scans reveal how teenage brain develops

Transcript:

President Obama has said the Republican nominee Donald Trump is unfit to be president and **questioned** why party leaders still support his candidacy. Mr Trump has hit back, accusing Mr Obama of failed leadership.

Scientists in Singapore have wired up giant beetles and shown that they can control the insects **remotely**. They're hoping to use the technology to help save lives in disaster zones and to fight security threats.

British scientists at Cambridge University have gained a new **insight** into behavioural changes that happen in our teenage years. Using brain scanning techniques, they're gaining clues about why some young people develop mental illnesses.

Words and definitions:

questioned

(here) expressed doubts about

remotely

from a distance

insight

understanding

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2aQLVUV>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentences correctly.

questioned / remotely / insight

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