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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### HIV breakthrough 'clears' patient

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#### The story

A man in Britain has become the second person to be cleared of HIV after receiving a stem cell transplant. Doctors said he received bone marrow stem cells almost three years ago from a donor with a rare genetic mutation that resists HIV infection.

#### Vocabulary

##### epidemic

situation of widespread disease

- The ease and frequency of air travel can quickly turn a local disease into an epidemic.
- The head of police has reported that the city is suffering from a crime epidemic.

##### mutation

permanent genetic change

- The majority of cancers result from a mutation of the body's cells.
- The book went through three mutations after I received feedback from my editor.

##### spurs

encourages or causes

- The large drop in the company's share price was spurred by a profit warning.
- The fear of failing his exams spurred Dan into action and he started studying harder!

#### Language challenge

What do we call someone who gives blood to help the sick and injured?

- a) donor
- b) doner
- c) vampire

**Answer**  
a) donor