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# Colorectal Cancer Strikes: Actor James Van Der Beek Diagnosed

## Description

James Van Der Beek is an actor. He played in a show called "Dawson's Creek." He is 47 years old. He told People magazine that he has colorectal cancer. He thanked his family for their help.

Van Der Beek said he feels good and hopeful. Colorectal cancer starts in the colon or rectum. These are parts of the large intestine. It is located in the digestive system.

Despite his illness, Van Der Beek is still working. He recently acted in a TV show called "Walker." He will also be in a movie called "Sidelined: The QB and Me." It will come out on November 29.

Van Der Beek has a big family. He has a wife named Kimberly and six children. He shares pictures of his family on social media. Last week, the family enjoyed Halloween together.

Van Der Beek has been with Kimberly for 14 years. He was married to another woman before, but they split in 2010. He thanked Kimberly for her support, especially through his illness.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Colorectal** /ˌkɒləˈrɛk.təl/ (adjective): Relating to the colon and rectum.
2. **Colon** /ˈkɒl.ɒn/ (noun): The part of the large intestine that connects the cecum to the rectum.
3. **Rectum** /ˈrɛk.təm/ (noun): The final section of the large intestine leading to the anus.
4. **Illness** /ˈɪl.nəs/ (noun): A disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind.
5. **Support** /səˈpɔːrt/ (verb): To bear all or part of the weight of something; to help or assist.
6. **Hopeful** /ˈhəʊp.fəl/ (adjective): Feeling or inspiring optimism about a future event.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What word describes the incident that left everyone surprised?

- Option: Arrested
- Option: Shocking
- Option: Supportive
- Option: Hopeful



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2. Which part of the body is affected by colorectal illnesses?
- Option: Colon
  - Option: Rectum
  - Option: Cheddar
  - Option: Police
3. Where were the valuable artworks damaged due to explosives?
- Option: Concert
  - Option: Gallery
  - Option: Relationship
  - Option: Robbery
4. What do people do to mark special events?
- Option: Celebrate
  - Option: Distributor
  - Option: Taken
  - Option: Hospital
5. What do you call a supportive connection between individuals?
- Option: Support
  - Option: Relationship
  - Option: Explosives
  - Option: Surprise
6. What does a distributor expect in exchange for goods or services?
- Option: Theft
  - Option: Pay
  - Option: Illness
  - Option: Capture
7. What happened to the perpetrator of the theft at the gallery?
- Option: Arrested
  - Option: Colorectal
  - Option: Special
  - Option: Hopeful
8. Which emotion do people feel when they receive support during illness?
- Option: Valuable
  - Option: Hopeful
  - Option: Taken
  - Option: Damaged



9. What type of cheese is not related to the police or hospitals?

Option: Explosives

Option: Cheddar

Option: Surprise

Option: Support

10. Who investigates a robbery at a concert?

Option: Relationship

Option: Pay

Option: Police

Option: Gallery

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. After the accident the injured were rushed to the \_\_\_\_\_ for medical treatment.

12. His prolonged absence from work was due to a severe \_\_\_\_\_ that required long-term care.

13. The police are investigating the \_\_\_\_\_ of valuable items from the art gallery.

14. The unexpected gift was a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ for her birthday.

15. During trying times having a strong \_\_\_\_\_ system can make a significant difference.

16. The suspect was finally \_\_\_\_\_ by the police after a lengthy pursuit.

17. Despite the challenges they remained \_\_\_\_\_ about the outcome of the situation.

18. A strong \_\_\_\_\_ is built on trust respect and mutual understanding.

19. The valuable artifacts in the museum were severely \_\_\_\_\_ during the earthquake.

20. On New Year's Eve people come together to \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the new year.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The bomb disposal unit safely detonated the found near the art gallery.



22. The thieves stole several artworks from the museum to sell on the black market.
23. The new exhibition at the featured contemporary works by local artists.
24. The police apprehended the suspect involved in the bank after a tip-off from a witness.
25. Despite the setbacks the team remained that they could turn the situation around.
26. She was grateful for the unwavering and care provided by her family during her illness.
27. The was responsible for delivering the products to various stores across the country.
28. The suspect was into custody for questioning regarding the recent break-ins.
29. The news of the sudden arrest was to everyone who knew him.
30. Regular screenings are essential for the early detection of cancers.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Shocking 2. Colon 3. Gallery 4. Celebrate 5. Relationship 6. Pay 7. Arrested 8. Hopeful 9. Cheddar 10. Police

**Gap-Fill:** 11. hospital 12. illness 13. theft 14. surprise 15. support 16. captured 17. hopeful 18. relationship 19. damaged 20. celebrate

**Matching sentence:** 1. explosives 2. valuable 3. gallery 4. robbery 5. hopeful 6. supportive 7. distributor 8. taken 9. shocking 10. colorectal

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