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### OP SAVED EUGENIE FROM BEING A HUNCHBACK

*THE Duchess of York told yesterday how a seven-hour operation saved daughter Eugenie from becoming a hunchback.*

*The 12-year-old princess had surgery after being diagnosed with scoliosis, curvature of the spine. Fergie said: "We thought it was a small curvature, but it was mammoth.*

*"Her bones had oscillated to such a degree that by the time she was 18, she would have been a hunchback. It was just horrendous.*

*"My little girl was in that operating theatre for seven hours. She now has these eight-inch titanium rods down each side of her spine and one-and-a-half inch screws at the top of her neck.*

*"But she is straight and she will stay straight."*

*The duchess spent eight days at Eugenie's bedside after the operation at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore, North London, last October.*

*Prince Andrew was criticised at the time for going abroad on an engagement while his younger daughter went under the knife. The Queen's grand-daughter still has regular check-ups - the latest a few weeks ago - but the surgery has been declared a complete success.*

### QUESTIONS

#### 1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. Was Eugenie's father with her during the operation? Why?


b. Does Eugenie still have to visit the hospital? How often?


#### 2. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? (1 point)

a. Prince Andrew stayed with his daughter but he does not like his wife.

b. Despite the operation, Eugenie still has a hunchback.

#### 3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

Very Big:

Backbone:

