

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. at hand | a. Relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation, use, or sale. |
| 2. pharmaceutical | b. Unable to see or be seen clearly. |
| 3. treat | c. Close by. |
| 4. blurred | d. A medicine or remedy that is given or recommended by doctors. |
| 5. innovative | e. Of a product, idea, etc. featuring new methods; advanced and original. |
| 6. prescription | f. Officially agreed to or accepted as satisfactory. |
| 7. approved | g. Give medical care or attention to; try to heal or cure. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. sufferer | h. A sheet of information in the form of a table, graph, or diagram. |
| 9. stated | i. A part, share, or number considered in comparative relation to a whole. |
| 10. clinical | j. A thing that is achieved or acquired. |
| 11. proportion | k. A person who is affected by an illness. |
| 12. gain | l. Clearly expressed or identified. |
| 13. pupil | m. The dark circular opening in the centre of the eye. |
| 14. chart | n. Relating to the observation and treatment of actual patients rather than theories. |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

Help is at (1) _____ for people whose vision is worsening. An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can (2) _____ an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when people's close-up vision starts getting (3) _____. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It (4) _____ over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or (5) _____ to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an (6) _____ new prescription eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-(7) _____ Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see up (8) _____".

blurred
innovative
affects
close
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access

Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things (9) _____ up close. Sufferers need (10) _____ or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would (11) _____ be blurred. It wrote: "In (12) _____ studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was (13) _____ by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-(14) _____ eye chart." The drops work by reducing the eye's (15) _____ size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in (16) _____.

normally
measured
glasses
pupil
clinical
focus
clearly
vision

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. An American company called Allergen developed some eye drops. **T / F**
2. People usually start getting blurred vision in their 50s. **T / F**
3. Around 16% of people with blurred vision cannot afford glasses. **T / F**
4. The eye drops are the first to get approval from the FDA. **T / F**
5. People with presbyopia have trouble seeing things far away. **T / F**
6. The eye drops help people to see all the lines on an eye chart. **T / F**
7. Making the pupil smaller helps people to see things in the distance. **T / F**
8. Someone who used the drops could see smaller text better. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. at hand | a. narrowing |
| 2. treat | b. distinctly |
| 3. blurred | c. ordinarily |
| 4. innovative | d. cure |
| 5. clearly | e. characters |
| 6. normally | f. original |
| 7. reducing | g. centre |
| 8. proportion | h. near |
| 9. focus | i. fraction |
| 10. letters | j. vague |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. Help is | a. focus on text |
| 2. drops that can treat an eye condition | b. related Blurry Near Vision |
| 3. people's close-up vision starts | c. need glasses |
| 4. these cannot afford | d. on an eye chart |
| 5. treat age- | e. called presbyopia |
| 6. Sufferers | f. reducing the eye's pupil size |
| 7. see three lines | g. getting blurred |
| 8. clinical | h. eyeglasses |
| 9. The drops work by | i. studies |
| 10. This helps people to | j. at hand |

Health and Aging Questions

1. What do you think is the best age to be? Why?
2. Some people say that men never grow up, they just get bigger. Do you agree?
3. In most countries women live an average of five to six years longer than men. Why do you think this is?
4. What still needs to be done to make Japan more prepared for an aging society?
5. What age do you want to live to?
6. Are you afraid of getting old?
7. Should older people spend their money on themselves, or save it for their children to have after they die?
8. If you could choose to have the body or the mind of a 25 year old when you're 90 years old, which would you choose?