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Level 4 – 11th July, 2022

Brad Pitt says he suffers from facial blindness

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness-4.html>

Movie star Brad Pitt has facial blindness. This is a neurological disorder that makes it difficult to recognize people's faces. Sufferers can forget the face of a family member or their own face. The condition is called prosopagnosia. It affects about 1 in 40 people. It causes anxiety in social situations. Sufferers avoid situations in which they will meet people. They may become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they may not leave their home.

Brad Pitt, 58, has not been diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He said nobody believed him when he could not remember their name. He said: "People hate me because they think I'm disrespecting them." One strategy he used was to ask people where he had met them before. However, this made things worse. He explained: "People were more offended....like 'You're being egotistical.'" Pitt hopes speaking about facial blindness will raise awareness of it.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/07/07/entertainment/brad-pitt-facial-blindness/index.html>
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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosopagnosia>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. This is a neurological | a. 1 in 40 people |
| 2. difficult to recognize | b. avoid situations |
| 3. It affects about | c. their home |
| 4. It causes anxiety in | d. people's faces |
| 5. Sufferers | e. cases |
| 6. They may become | f. social situations |
| 7. In extreme | g. disorder |
| 8. they may not leave | h. withdrawn |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. diagnosed with | a. them |
| 2. He said nobody believed | b. egotistical |
| 3. they think I'm disrespecting | c. met them before |
| 4. One strategy | d. of it |
| 5. ask people where he had | e. he used |
| 6. However, this made things | f. him |
| 7. You're being | g. worse |
| 8. raise awareness | h. prosopagnosia |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Movie star Brad Pitt has facial blindness. This is a neurological

(1) _____ it difficult to recognize people's faces.

Sufferers can forget the (2) _____ family member or

their own face. The (3) _____ prosopagnosia. It affects

about 1 in 40 people. It (4) _____ social situations.

Sufferers avoid situations in which they will meet people. They

(5) _____. In extreme cases, they may not

(6) _____.

Brad Pitt, 58, has not (7) _____ prosopagnosia. He said

nobody believed him when he could (8) _____ name. He

said: "People hate me because they think (9) _____."

One strategy he used was to ask people where he had met them before.

However, this (10) _____. He explained: "People were

more offended....like (11) _____." Pitt hopes speaking

about facial blindness will (12) _____ it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PEOPLE'S FACES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about people's faces in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

