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## **Level 4**

### **Study says eyelashes keep eyes from drying**

**27th February, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150227-eyelashes-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150227-eyelashes-4.html>

Scientists now know the answer to why eyelashes are as long as they are. Researchers did tests on the eyelashes of 22 mammals. One used a special wind tunnel and a model eye. The tests produced mathematical models of how wind blows over eyelashes. The conclusion was that eyelashes help protect the eyes from drying out. Also, the best eyelash length is one-third of the eye's width. This was true for many mammals.

Researcher Dr Hu started his research after wondering why his baby kept on moving her eyelids. He said eyelashes in mammals have always been a mystery. There are many opinions, from catching dust to making people blink. It was the first study of eyelashes and wind. It showed that eyelashes cut evaporation of the eye by 70 per cent. They also reduce dust. Hu is good at, "looking at what everybody has looked at, and seeing what nobody has seen."

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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150227-eyelashes-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists now know   | a. eye's width         |
| 2. why eyelashes are     | b. over eyelashes      |
| 3. a special             | c. many mammals        |
| 4. mathematical          | d. drying out          |
| 5. how wind blows        | e. the answer          |
| 6. protect the eyes from | f. wind tunnel         |
| 7. one-third of the      | g. as long as they are |
| 8. This was true for     | h. models              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 1. his baby kept on moving             | a. of the eye  |
| 2. eyelashes in                        | b. her eyelids |
| 3. making people                       | c. has seen    |
| 4. It was the first study of eyelashes | d. mammals     |
| 5. eyelashes cut evaporation           | e. looked at   |
| 6. They also reduce                    | f. blink       |
| 7. looking at what everybody has       | g. and wind    |
| 8. seeing what nobody                  | h. dust        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists now know (1) \_\_\_\_\_ why eyelashes are as long as they are. Researchers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the eyelashes of 22 mammals. One (3) \_\_\_\_\_ wind tunnel and a model eye. The tests produced mathematical models (4) \_\_\_\_\_ blows over eyelashes. The conclusion was that eyelashes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes from drying out. Also, the best eyelash length is one-third of the eye's width. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mammals.

Researcher Dr Hu (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after wondering why his baby (8) \_\_\_\_\_ her eyelids. He said eyelashes in mammals have always been a mystery. There (9) \_\_\_\_\_, from catching dust to making people blink. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_ study of eyelashes and wind. It showed that eyelashes cut evaporation of the eye by 70 per cent. They (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Hu is good at, "looking at what everybody has looked at, and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ has seen."

# EYELASHES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150227-eyelashes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about eyelashes 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

