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Man gets world's first bionic eye

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THE ARTICLE

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A man in Britain can see again because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, became the first patient in the world to get the new device, which is an artificial retina. Mr Flynn suffers from a condition called age-related macular degeneration (AMD). This is one of the most common problems with eyesight around the world. Flynn started losing his sight ten years ago. Doctors told him eight years ago that he had AMD. From that time, his sight became worse and worse. It became so bad that he could only see things out of the corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre of his eyes was blurred and he could not see shapes properly. He said that even looking at simple things made him very tired.

Mr Flynn's bionic eye cost \$125,000. Britain's national health service hopes the cost of the operation will come down. This means many more people will be able to have the operation for free. Flynn had the surgery last month. Doctors spent four hours putting a microchip in the back of his eye. Doctors are very happy with the operation, which they said was a success. Flynn can now read a newspaper and admire the flowers in his garden for the first time in many years. His doctor, professor Paulo Stanga, said: "Mr Flynn's progress is truly remarkable. He is seeing the outline of people and objects very effectively." Professor Stanga hopes scientists can also help people who have been blind from birth.

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WARM-UPS

- **1. EYESIGHT:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about eyesight. Change partners often and share your findings.
- **2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

see / bionic eye / patient / artificial / problems / eyesight / worse and worse / simple / national health service / operation / microchip / success / many years / remarkable

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ABILITIES: What can we do about these things as we get older? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Things to do to help
Eyesight		
Hearing		
Weight		
Hair loss		
Memory loss		
Muscles		

- **4. EYES:** Students A **strongly** believe eyes are the most beautiful part of the body; Students B **strongly** believe they are not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **5. SEEING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most beautiful things to look at at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

• babies

• yourself in the mirror

flowers

a rainbow

art

TV

• countryside

• cars

6. PATIENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "patient". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150724-bionic-eye.html

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

a.	The man who received the bionic eye was more than 70 years old.	T / F
b.	The bionic eye was an artificial retina.	T / F

c. The man found out he had a problem called AMD last year. T / F

d. The problem meant he could only see out of the corners of his eyes.

e. The eye cost \$125,000.

f. Britain's health service said the operation will never come down in price. T/F

g. The operation took 14 hours.

h. A doctor said the operation could not help people who were born blind. T/F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

device
 a. middle

2 artificial b. at no cost

3. condition c. price

4. centre5. blurredd. gadgete. really

6. cost f. out of focus

7. for free g. man-made

8. surgery h. things

9. truly i. illness

10. objects j. operation

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

1. the first patient in the world to a. problems with eyesight

2 one of the most common b. remarkable

3. see things out of the c. made him very tired

4. Everything in the centre of his d. come down

5. even looking at simple things e. get the new device

6. the cost of the operation will f. from birth

7. Flynn had the8. for the first9. eyes was blurredh. surgery last month

9. Mr Flynn's progress is truly i. time in many years

10. people who have been blind j. corners of his eyes

GAP FILL

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bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, became the first (2) in	time
the world to get the new device, which is an artificial retina. Mr	patient
Flynn (3) from a condition called age-related	·
macular degeneration (AMD). This is one of the most	common
(4) problems with eyesight around the world.	simple
Flynn started losing his sight ten years ago. Doctors told him eight	again
years ago that he had AMD. From that (5), his	blurred
sight became worse and worse. It became so bad that he could	corners
only see things out of the (6) of his eyes.	corrers
Everything in the centre of his eyes was (7) and he	
could not see shapes properly. He said that even looking at	
(8) things made him very tired.	
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(9) hopes the cost of the operation will come	service
down. This means many more people will be able to have the	effectively
operation for (10) Flynn had the	,
(11) last month. Doctors spent four hours putting	free
a (12) in the back of his eye. Doctors are very	blind
happy with the operation, which they said was a success. Flynn	admire
can now read a newspaper and (13) the flowers in	microchip
his garden for the first time in many years. His doctor, professor	•
Paulo Stanga, said: "Mr Flynn's progress is (14)	truly
remarkable. He is seeing the outline of people and objects very	
(15)" Professor Stanga hopes scientists can also	
help people who have been (16) from birth.	

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)	Flynn, 80, became the first patient in the world to get the new device, which retina a. is an arty official b. is an art official c. is an arty fish all d. is an artificial
2)	This is one of the most common problems with eyesight a. around a world b. around the world c. around this world d. around that world
3)	It became so bad that he could only see things of his eyes a. out by the corners b. out of the corners c. out off the corners d. out on the corners
4)	Everything in the centre of his eyes was blurred and he could properly a. not see shapes b. not see sharps c. not see sheep d. not see shades
5)	He said that even looking at simple things made a. his very tired b. him very tired c. he very tired d. them very tired
6)	Britain's national health service hopes the cost of the operation a. will comes down b. will coming down c. will came down d. will come down
7)	This means many more people will be able to have the a. operation by free b. operation to free c. operation for free d. operation from free
8)	Doctors spent four hours putting a microchip in the a. pack of his eye b. back of his eye c. dark of his eye d. bark of his eye
9)	admire the flowers in his garden for the first years a. time in many b. time in most c. time in much d. time in more
10)	Stanga hopes scientists can also help people who have been a. blind from births b. blind from birth c. blind from bathe d. blind from birthday

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Paulo Stanga, said: "Mr Flynn's progress (11)	He is
seeing the outline of people and objects very	effectively." Professor Stanga
hopes scientists can also help people who have	e been (12)

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	How old is Ray Flynn?
2.	What part of the eye does the device replace?
3.	When did Mr Flynn start losing his sight?
4.	What could he not see properly?
5.	How did he feel when he looked at simple things?
6.	How much did the bionic eye cost?
7.	When did Mr Flynn have the operation?
8.	What can Mr Flynn now admire?
9.	What is Paolo Stanga's job?
10.	Who does Mr Stanga hope scientists can help?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1.	How old is Ray Flynn?	6.	How much did the bionic eye cost?
	a) 80		a) \$120,000
	b) 70		b) \$152,000
	c) 60		c) \$150,000
	d) 50		d) \$125,000
2.	What part of the eye does the device replace?	7.	When did Mr Flynn have the operation?
	a) the eyelashes		a) last year
	b) the iris		b) last week
	c) the retina		c) last month
	d) the pupil		d) yesterday
3.	When did Mr Flynn start losing his sight?	8.	What can Mr Flynn now admire?
	a) 7 years ago		a) art
	b) 8 years ago		b) flowers
	c) 9 years ago		c) himself
	d) 10 years ago		d) colours
4.	What could he not see properly?	9.	What is Paolo Stanga's job?
	a) small print		a) a flower arranger
	b) shapes		b) an engineer
	c) his iPad		c) a doctor
	d) cars		d) owner of a glasses shop
5.	How did he feel when he looked at simple things?	10.	Who does Mr Stanga hope scientists can help?
	a) tired		a) people who are colour blind
	b) angry		b) people blind from birth
	c) bored		c) people in accidents
	d) excited		d) everyone

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - Babies

You think babies are the most beautiful things to look at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so beautiful. Also, tell the others which is the least beautiful of these (and why): flowers, art or a rainbow.

Role B - Flowers

You think flowers are the most beautiful things to look at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so beautiful. Also, tell the others which is the least beautiful of these (and why): babies, art or a rainbow.

Role C - Art

You think art is the most beautiful thing to look at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so beautiful. Also, tell the others which is the least beautiful of these (and why): flowers, babies or a rainbow.

Role D - A rainbow

You think a rainbow is the most beautiful thing to look at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so beautiful. Also, tell the others which is the least beautiful of these (and why): flowers, art or babies.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'eye' and 'sight'.

eye	sight

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
 - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
 - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

again	• cost
• new	• down
• most	• last
• ten	• success
• bad	• flowers
simple	• birth

EYESIGHT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about eyesight 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.

EYESIGHT DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'eyesight'?
- 3) How has your eyesight changed over the years?
- 4) How important is eyesight?
- 5) What do you think of having a bionic eye?
- 6) What are the most beautiful things in the world to look at?
- 7) What bodily functions are you worried will disappear when you get older?
- 8) How often do you get tired eyes?
- 9) What is the maximum number of bionic parts on someone's body?
- 10) What do we need to do to look after our eyes?

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EYESIGHT DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What is the most beautiful eye colour?
- 13) How would you feel if you needed eye surgery?
- 14) What are the ugliest things in the world to look at?
- 15) How long would it take a sighted person to adjust to being blind?
- 16) What can you tell from looking at someone's eyes?
- 17) Are eyes the most beautiful part of the body?
- 18) What would you like to change about your eyes?
- 19) What does the expression 'seeing is believing' mean?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the professor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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1.	(a)	because	(b)	due to	(c)	thanks	(d)	from
2.	(a)	patent	(b)	patience	(c)	patient	(d)	parent
3.	(a)	illness	(b)	eyesight	(c)	condition	(d)	term
4.	(a)	after	(b)	before	(c)	then	(d)	that
5.	(a)	worse	(b)	bad	(c)	well	(d)	more
6.	(a)	sample	(b)	simple	(c)	stamp	(d)	sump
7.	(a)	have	(b)	take	(c)	do	(d)	come
8.	(a)	freely	(b)	free	(c)	freed	(d)	frees
9.	(a)	put	(b)	puts	(c)	putting	(d)	putted
10.	(a)	as	(b)	on	(c)	by	(d)	for
11.	(a)	truth	(b)	reality	(c)	real	(d)	truly
12.	(a)	as	(b)	from	(c)	via	(d)	through

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. the first <u>nttpeia</u> in the world
- 2. get the new <u>ievdce</u>
- 3. an iiaratifcl retina
- 4. problems with tisehgye
- 5. Everything in the centre...was dbrurle
- 6. he could not see shapes poerlrpy

Paragraph 2

- 7. the cost of the <u>oeitnopar</u>
- 8. Flynn had the <u>uegryrs</u> last month
- 9. aedrmi the flowers
- 10. Mr Flynn's sgrpseor
- 11. truly arlmbareke
- 12. the outline of people and tjbosce

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	time, his sight became worse and worse. It became so bad that he could only see things out of the corners
()	month. Doctors spent four hours putting a microchip in the back of his eye. Doctors are very happy
()	properly. He said that even looking at simple things made him very tired.
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()	patient in the world to get the new device, which is an artificial retina. Mr Flynn suffers from a condition called age-
()	Mr Flynn's bionic eye cost \$125,000. Britain's national health service hopes the cost of the operation will come
()	effectively." Professor Stanga hopes scientists can also help people who have been blind from birth.
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()	the flowers in his garden for the first time in many years. His doctor, professor Paulo Stanga, said: "Mr Flynn's
()	down. This means many more people will be able to have the operation for free. Flynn had the surgery last
()	related macular degeneration (AMD). This is one of the most common problems with eyesight around
(1)	A man in Britain can see again because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, became the first

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1.	A a can of Britain eye because in bionic again man new see .
2.	of the most common problems with eyesight This is one .
3.	only of of see He his the things could eyes corners out .
4.	eyes the his blurred in of was Everything centre .
5.	simple him at made tired looking things very Even .
6.	operation the have to able be will people more Many .
7.	microchip back eye a the his Putting in of .
8.	the first time Admire the flowers in his garden for .
9.	effectively the people very Seeing of objects outline and .
10.	been have who people help also can Scientists birth from blind .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A man in Britain can see / sight again because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, became the first patience / patient in the world to get the new device, which is an artificially / artificial retina. Mr Flynn suffers from a condition / conditional called age-related macular degeneration (AMD). This is one of the most common problems with eyesight around the world. Flynn started / starts losing his sight ten years ago. Doctors tell / told him eight years ago that he had AMD. From then / that time, his sight became worse and worse. It became / becomes so bad that he could only see things out / up of the corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre of his eyes was blurred and he could not see shapes properly / proper. He said that even looking at simple things made him very tired.

Mr Flynn's bionic eye *costed / cost* \$125,000. Britain's national health service hopes the cost of the operation will come *up / down*. This means many more people will be *ability / able* to have the operation for *free / freely*. Flynn had the surgery last month. Doctors spent four hours *put / putting* a microchip in the back of his eye. Doctors are very *happily / happy* with the operation, which they said was *the / a* success. Flynn can now read a newspaper and *admire / admiration* the flowers in his garden for the first time in many years. His doctor, professor Paulo Stanga, said: "Mr Flynn's progress is *truly / truth* remarkable. He is seeing the outline of people and objects very effectively." Professor Stanga hopes scientists can also help people who have been *blind / blindness* from birth.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ m_n _ n Br_t__n c_n s__ _ g__n b_c__s_ _ f _ n_w
b__n_c _y_. R_y Flynn, 80, b_c_m_ th_ f_rst p_t__nt
n th w_rld t_ g_t th_ n_w d_v_c_, wh_ch _s _n
_rt_f_c__l r_t_n. Mr Flynn s_ff_rs fr_m _ c_nd_t__n
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c_ntr_ _f h_s _y_s w_s bl_rr_d _nd h_ c__ld n_t s__
sh_p_s pr_p_rly. H_ s__d th_t _v_n l__k_ng _t s_mpl_
th_ngs m_d_ h_m v_ry t_r_d.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the cost of the operation will come down this means many more people will

be able to have the operation for free flynn had the surgery last month

doctors spent four hours putting a microchip in the back of his eye doctors

are very happy with the operation which they said was a success flynn can

now read a newspaper and admire the flowers in his garden for the first time

in many years his doctor professor paulo stanga said "mr flynn's progress is

truly remarkable he is seeing the outline of people and objects very

effectively" professor stanga hopes scientists can also help people who have

been blind from birth

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AmaninBritaincanseeagainbecauseofanewbioniceye.RayFlynn,80,b ecamethefirstpatientintheworldtogetthenewdevice, which is an artific ialretina. MrFlynnsuffersfromacondition called age-related mac ulardegeneration(AMD). This is one of the most common problems with eyesightaroundtheworld.Flynnstartedlosinghissighttenyearsago.D octorstoldhimeightyearsagothathehadAMD.Fromthattime,hissightb ecameworseandworse. It becames obadthathecould only see things ou tofthecornersofhiseyes. Everythinginthecentreofhiseyeswasblurred and he could not see shapes properly. He said that even looking at simplet hingsmadehimverytired.MrFlynn'sbioniceyecost\$125,000.Britain's nationalhealthservicehopesthecostoftheoperationwillcomedown.Th ismeansmanymorepeoplewillbeabletohavetheoperationforfree.Flyn nhadthesurgerylastmonth.Doctorsspentfourhoursputtingamicrochi pinthebackofhiseye.Doctorsareveryhappywiththeoperation,whicht heysaidwasasuccess.Flynncannowreadanewspaperandadmirethefl owersinhisgardenforthefirsttimeinmanyyears. Hisdoctor, professor auloStanga,said:"MrFlynn'sprogressistrulyremarkable.Heisseeingt heoutlineofpeopleandobjectsveryeffectively."ProfessorStangahope sscientistscanalsohelppeoplewhohavebeenblindfrombirth.

FREE WRITING

Write about eyesight fo	r 10 minutes. Cor	nment on your pa	artner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

How important are each of the five senses (sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste)? Put them in order and explain your reasons.				

HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about eyesight problems. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. EYESIGHT:** Make a poster about eyesight. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. SIGHT RECOVERED:** Write a magazine article about someone who got their sight back. Include an imaginary interview with that person.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on eyesight. Ask him/her three questions about eyesight. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect our eyesight. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c F d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- 1. device
- 2 artificial
- 3. condition
- 4. centre
- 5. blurred
- 6. cost
- 7. for free
- 8. surgery
- 9. truly
- 10. objects

- a. gadget
- b. man-made
- c. illness
- d. middle
- e. out of focus
- f. price
- g. at no cost
- h. operation
- i. really
- j. things

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 1. 80
- 2. The retina
- 3. 10 years ago
- 4. Shapes
- 5. Tired
- 6. \$125,000
- 7. Last month
- 8. Flowers
- 9. A doctor (and professor)
- 10. People blind from birth

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)