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Scientists 'close' to cure for baldness

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

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THE READING

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Scientists are closer to a cure for baldness. This is good news for millions of bald people worldwide. Researchers have been developing stem cells that can grow new hair. Their technique has been successful in growing hair in a natural way. The research has overcome key challenges. A researcher said: "We have a robust, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using...human stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of men by the age of 50. Hair replacement products and transplants are a multi-billion-dollar industry. Transplant surgery can cost \$50,000. Hair loss starts in men in their early twenties. This causes a loss of self-confidence. Men worry about receding hairlines and bald spots. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women have thinning hair later in life. A doctor said hair loss greatly affected people's lives.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/baldness-stem-cell-hair-loss-breakthrough-alopecia-california-a8979066.html>
<https://news.yahoo.com/a-cure-for-baldness-could-be-coming-085830370.html>
<https://news.sky.com/story/baldness-cure-breakthrough-discovered-by-scientists-11750594>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. This is good news for millions | a. looking hair |
| 2. This is good news for millions | b. natural way |
| 3. stem cells that can | c. cells |
| 4. growing hair in a | d. of bald people |
| 5. We have a robust, highly | e. the skin |
| 6. generating natural- | f. of bald people |
| 7. grows through | g. grow new hair |
| 8. human stem | h. controlled method |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a multi-billion-dollar | a. problem for women |
| 2. Transplant surgery can | b. and bald spots |
| 3. Hair loss starts in men in | c. people's lives |
| 4. This causes a loss | d. their early twenties |
| 5. worry about receding hairlines | e. cost \$50,000 |
| 6. baldness is also a | f. hair later in life |
| 7. women have thinning | g. industry |
| 8. hair loss greatly affected | h. of self-confidence |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists are (1) _____ cure for baldness. This is good news for millions (2) _____ worldwide. Researchers have been developing stem (3) _____ grow new hair. Their technique has been successful in growing hair in (4) _____.

The research has overcome key challenges. A researcher said: "We have a robust, highly (5) _____ generating natural-looking hair that grows through (6) _____...human stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of men (7) _____ of 50. Hair replacement products and transplants are a multi-billion-dollar industry.

Transplant (8) _____ \$50,000. Hair loss starts in men in their early twenties. This (9) _____ of self-confidence. Men worry about receding hairlines (10) _____. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women (11) _____ later in life.

A doctor said hair (12) _____ people's lives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BALDNESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about baldness 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **baldness** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
