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**Level 5 – 9th May, 2022**

## **New eye drops improve vision without glasses**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops-5.html>

Help is near for people with worsening vision. A pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can treat a condition called presbyopia. This is close-up blurred vision. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It affects over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these cannot afford glasses. The eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "innovative". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients...see up close".

Presbyopia makes it difficult to focus on things up close. Sufferers make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. Allergan said its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred. Clinical studies showed that people who used Vuity every day did better on eye chart tests. They achieved a 3-line gain or more when reading a near-vision eye chart. The eye drops work by reducing the eye's pupil size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the drops said they helped him to see smaller letters.

Sources: <https://www.sciencealert.com/new-eye-drops-can-help-us-continue-to-see-well-as-our-wear-with-age>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Help is near for people with | a. glasses            |
| 2. a pharmaceutical             | b. called presbyopia  |
| 3. treat a condition            | c. billion people     |
| 4. This is close-up blurred     | d. Blurry Near Vision |
| 5. when people get              | e. worsening vision   |
| 6. It affects over a            | f. vision             |
| 7. cannot afford                | g. company            |
| 8. age-related                  | h. into their 40s     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. difficult to focus on things | a. pupil size      |
| 2. see three lines              | b. letters         |
| 3. clinical                     | c. focus on text   |
| 4. eye chart                    | d. studies         |
| 5. reducing the eye's           | e. up close        |
| 6. This helps people to         | f. on an eye chart |
| 7. A user who tested            | g. tests           |
| 8. see smaller                  | h. the drops       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Help is near for people (1) \_\_\_\_\_. A pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a condition called presbyopia. This is close-up blurred vision. It usually starts when people get (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It affects over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "innovative". It said Vuity is "the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients... (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

Presbyopia makes it difficult to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ up close. Sufferers make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. Allergan said its eye drops could help people see three lines on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that would normally be blurred. Clinical studies showed that people who used Vuity every (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on eye chart tests. They achieved a 3-line gain or more when reading a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ chart. The eye drops work by reducing the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who (12) \_\_\_\_\_ said they helped him to see smaller letters.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EYESIGHT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops-4.html>

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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

