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**Level 5 – 11th July, 2022**

## **Brad Pitt says he suffers from facial blindness**

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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/2207/220711-facial-blindness-5.html>

Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt suffers from facial blindness. This is a neurological disorder that makes it difficult to recognize people's faces. In serious cases, sufferers can forget the face of a family member or even their own face. The little-known condition is called prosopagnosia. It affects about 1 in 40 people. It often leads to anxiety as people feel embarrassed in social situations when they forget who people are. Sufferers can avoid situations in which they will meet people. They may become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they will be reluctant to leave their home.

Brad Pitt, 58, has not been officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name. They thought he was being "inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think I'm disrespecting them." One strategy Pitt used was to ask acquaintances where he had met them before. However, he said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People were more offended....You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. You're being conceited.'" He 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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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is a neurological  | a. 1 in 40 people       |
| 2. difficult to recognize  | b. cases                |
| 3. In serious              | c. to leave their home  |
| 4. The little-known        | d. to anxiety           |
| 5. It affects about        | e. disorder             |
| 6. It often leads          | f. in social situations |
| 7. people feel embarrassed | g. people's faces       |
| 8. they will be reluctant  | h. condition            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. officially diagnosed with       | a. of it              |
| 2. he could not recall             | b. disrespecting them |
| 3. they think I'm                  | c. where              |
| 4. ask acquaintances               | d. conceited          |
| 5. he had met                      | e. their name         |
| 6. he said that made the situation | f. prosopagnosia      |
| 7. You're being                    | g. worse              |
| 8. raise awareness                 | h. them before        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Brad Pitt, 58, has not been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ prosopagnosia. He said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name. They thought he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think (9) \_\_\_\_\_." One strategy Pitt used was to ask acquaintances where he had met them before. However, he said that made (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He explained: "People were more offended....You get this thing, like, (11) \_\_\_\_\_. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PEOPLE'S FACES SURVEY

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_

