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Blue most common eye colour in Britain

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THE ARTICLE

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Scientists have made a map of the eye colour of people in Britain. They found out that the most common colour is blue. The scientists say that thousands of years ago, all British people's eyes were brown. The researchers found that 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes, 30 per cent of people have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. The area around Edinburgh in Scotland was the place where most people had blue eyes. Over half (57 per cent) of those in and around Edinburgh have blue eyes. The southwest of England has the fewest blue-eyed people. Just 35 per cent of people living there are blue eyed. The scientists say they do not know why some regions of Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people.

Alistair Moffat, the lead researcher of the study, said the number of people with blue eyes is increasing because people find them more attractive. This means people with blue eyes are more successful at finding a partner and having children with blue eyes. He compares blue eyes to the tail of a peacock, saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates. Dr Moffat says people are attracted to the sparkle in blue eyes. He said light reacts with blue eyes to give a glitter effect. Darker eyes absorb light so they generally have less sparkle. Another scientist, Hans Eiberg, offers an explanation why blue eyes are popular. He said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used to be so rare."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2738224/Is-rise-blue-eyes-attractive-Scientists-believe-colour-dominant-like-peacocks-tail.html#ixzz3Bwq8Kpa7>
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WARM-UPS

1. BLUE EYES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about blue eyes. 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?

scientists / eye colour / common / researchers / brown eyes / fewest / regions / increasing / successful / finding a partner / peacock / colourful / sparkle / attractive

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

3. EYES: How different are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What kinds?	How nice are they?	How do we change them?
size			
eye lashes			
eye brows			
colour			
shape			
blinking			

4. BLUE-EYED: Students A **strongly** believe blue-eyed people are more attractive; Students B **strongly** believe this is so untrue. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. COLOUR: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would like to change the colour of most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- eyes
- fingernails
- teeth
- skin
- hair
- lips
- cheeks
- other _____

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Scientists mapped the colour of people's eyes in Britain. | T / F |
| b. Thousands of years ago, all British people's eyes were brown. | T / F |
| c. London has the highest percentage of blue-eyed people in Britain. | T / F |
| d. Scientists know why different areas of Britain have blue-eyed people. | T / F |
| e. The number of blue-eyed British people is falling. | T / F |
| f. A scientist said blue-eyed people find partners more easily. | T / F |
| g. The scientist said people like the way light reacts in brown eyes. | T / F |
| h. A scientist said blue eyes are popular because they used to be rare. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. common | a. region |
| 2. found | b. well liked |
| 3. area | c. location |
| 4. place | d. going up |
| 5. a lot of | e. discovered |
| 6. study | f. good-looking |
| 7. increasing | g. widespread |
| 8. attractive | h. soak up |
| 9. absorb | i. research |
| 10. popular | j. many |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have made | a. colour is blue |
| 2. the most common | b. sparkle in blue eyes |
| 3. those in and | c. of the study |
| 4. the fewest | d. a map |
| 5. some regions of | e. to be so rare |
| 6. lead researcher | f. around Edinburgh |
| 7. people find | g. light |
| 8. people are attracted to the | h. Britain have a lot |
| 9. Darker eyes absorb | i. them more attractive |
| 10. they used | j. blue-eyed people |

GAP FILL

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Scientists have made a (1) _____ of the eye colour of people in Britain. They found out that the most (2) _____ colour is blue. The scientists say that thousands of years ago, all British people's eyes were brown. The (3) _____ found that 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes, 30 per cent of people have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. The area (4) _____ Edinburgh in Scotland was the place where most people had blue eyes. Over (5) _____ (57 per cent) of those in and around Edinburgh have blue eyes. The (6) _____ of England has the (7) _____ blue-eyed people. Just 35 per cent of people living there are blue eyed. The scientists say they do not know why some (8) _____ of Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people.

fewest
half
researchers
regions
map
southwest
common
around

Alistair Moffat, the (9) _____ researcher of the study, said the number of people with blue eyes is (10) _____ because people find them more attractive. This means people with blue eyes are more successful at (11) _____ a partner and having children with blue eyes. He (12) _____ blue eyes to the tail of a peacock, saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates. Dr Moffat says people are attracted to the (13) _____ in blue eyes. He said light reacts with blue eyes to give a glitter effect. Darker eyes (14) _____ light so they generally have less sparkle. Another scientist, Hans Eiberg, offers an (15) _____ why blue eyes are popular. He said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used to be so (16) _____."

sparkle
rare
finding
explanation
lead
compares
absorb
increasing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) They found out that the most _____ blue.
 - a. commons colour is
 - b. come-on colour is
 - c. common colour is
 - d. commonly colour is
- 2) The area around Edinburgh in Scotland _____
 - a. was the place
 - b. was the plaice
 - c. was the plies
 - d. was the palace
- 3) Over half (57 per cent) of those in and _____
 - a. a round Edinburgh
 - b. all round Edinburgh
 - c. abound Edinburgh
 - d. around Edinburgh
- 4) The southwest of England _____
 - a. has the few its
 - b. has the fewest
 - c. has the view its
 - d. has the views its
- 5) some regions of Britain have a lot of _____
 - a. blue-eyes people
 - b. blue-eye people
 - c. blue-eying people
 - d. blue-eyed people
- 6) the lead researcher of the study said the number of people with blue _____
 - a. eyes is in crease in
 - b. eyes is in crease sin
 - c. eyes is increasing
 - d. eyes is increase in
- 7) people with blue eyes are more successful at _____
 - a. funding a partner
 - b. finding a partner
 - c. founding a partner
 - d. find in a partner
- 8) He compares blue eyes to the _____ peacock
 - a. tail for a
 - b. tail at a
 - c. tail off a
 - d. tail of a
- 9) He said light reacts with blue eyes to give _____
 - a. a glitter affect
 - b. a glitter reflect
 - c. a glitter effect
 - d. a glitter perfect
- 10) There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used _____
 - a. to be sew rare
 - b. to be sow rare
 - c. to be show rare
 - d. to be so rare

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Scientists have (1) _____ eye colour of people in Britain. They found out that the most common colour is blue. The scientists say that thousands (2) _____, all British people's eyes were brown. The researchers found that 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes, 30 (3) _____ have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. The area around Edinburgh in Scotland was the place where most people had blue eyes. Over half (57 per cent) (4) _____ around Edinburgh have blue eyes. The southwest of England has the fewest blue-eyed people. Just 35 per cent of (5) _____ are blue eyed. The scientists say they do not know why (6) _____ Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people.

Alistair Moffat, (7) _____ of the study, said the number of people with blue eyes is increasing because people find them more attractive. This means people with blue eyes are (8) _____ finding a partner and having children with blue eyes. He compares blue eyes (9) _____ peacock, saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates. Dr Moffat says people are attracted to the sparkle in blue eyes. He said (10) _____ blue eyes to give a glitter effect. Darker eyes absorb light so they generally (11) _____. Another scientist, Hans Eiberg, offers an explanation why blue eyes are popular. He said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140902-blue-eyes.html>

1. What have scientists made?

2. When were all British people's eyes brown?

3. What percentage of British people have brown eyes?

4. Where is it that 57% of people are blue eyed?

5. Which region of Britain has the smallest number of blue-eyed people?

6. Who is Alistair Moffat?

7. What might blue-eyed people be more successful at finding?

8. What did Dr Moffat say people are attracted to in blue eyes?

9. What do darker eyes absorb?

10. What did Hans Eiborg say blue eyes used to be?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140902-blue-eyes.html>

1. What have scientists made?
 - a) a new eye colour
 - b) a map
 - c) a new eye
 - d) money
2. When were all British people's eyes brown?
 - a) after the Vikings came
 - b) millions of years ago
 - c) 1832
 - d) thousands of years ago
3. What percentage of British people have brown eyes?
 - a) 22
 - b) 48
 - c) 30
 - d) 57
4. Where is it that 57% of people are blue eyed?
 - a) Finland
 - b) the suburbs of London
 - c) in and around Edinburgh
 - d) Hartlepool
5. Which region of Britain has the smallest number of blue-eyed people?
 - a) Greater London
 - b) the southwest
 - c) Yorkshire
 - d) the Midlands
6. Who is Alistair Moffat?
 - a) a mapmaker
 - b) an eye surgeon
 - c) a researcher
 - d) winner of Mr Blue Eyes
7. What might blue-eyed people be more successful at finding?
 - a) answers
 - b) their contact lenses
 - c) money
 - d) love
8. What did Dr Moffat say people are attracted to in blue eyes?
 - a) sparkle
 - b) the central retinal artery
 - c) the pupil
 - d) darkness
9. What do darker eyes absorb?
 - a) light
 - b) pain
 - c) colour
 - d) tears
10. What did Hans Eiborg say blue eyes used to be?
 - a) weak
 - b) rare
 - c) non-existent
 - d) purple

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Blue

You think blue is the best eye colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their eye colour isn't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): brown, green or grey/gray.

Role B –Brown

You think brown is the best eye colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their eye colour isn't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): blue, green or grey/gray.

Role C – Green

You think green is the best eye colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their eye colour isn't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): brown, blue or grey/gray.

Role D – Grey (UK) Gray (USA)

You think grey/gray is the best eye colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their eye colour isn't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): brown, green or blue.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140902-blue-eyes.html>

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

common	colour

- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• map• ago• 30• half• just• lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• increasing• partner• tail• sparkle• popular• rare
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BLUE EYES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about blue eyes 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.

BLUE EYES DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'eye'?
- c) What do you think about blue eyes?
- d) What do you think of your eye colour?
- e) Does eye colour change our personality?
- f) Why do people want to change their eye colour?
- g) People will change their eye colour every day in the future. Is this good or bad?
- h) Why doesn't everyone have the same colour eyes?
- i) What would you think if we could choose any eye colour?
- j) Why do you think eye colour is so different in Britain?

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BLUE EYES DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you always look at people's eyes?
- c) Are blue eyes like a peacock's tail?
- d) What do you think is more important, eye colour or hair colour?
- e) What do you think about when you look at your eyes in a mirror?
- f) Are blue eyes more attractive than other colours?
- g) Would blue eyes look strange with some people?
- h) Are blue-eyed people more successful?
- i) What colour eyes do you want your children to have?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) colouring | (b) colour | (c) coloured | (d) colourful |
| 2. | (a) commuter | (b) commercial | (c) coming | (d) common |
| 3. | (a) passed | (b) ago | (c) since | (d) gone by |
| 4. | (a) neighbourhood | (b) close | (c) around | (d) all over |
| 5. | (a) them | (b) they | (c) those | (d) eyes |
| 6. | (a) some | (b) lot | (c) area | (d) regional |
| 7. | (a) be | (b) is | (c) will | (d) are |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) for | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) of | (d) from |
| 10. | (a) attractive | (b) attraction | (c) attracted | (d) attracts |
| 11. | (a) dampen | (b) twist | (c) absorb | (d) explode |
| 12. | (a) things | (b) thingy | (c) thing | (d) something |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the most onocmm colour
2. hnotusasd of years ago
3. erarcehsser found that...
4. Scotland was the caelp where...
5. England has the tewesf
6. some soeinrg of Britain have a lot

Paragraph 2

7. people find them more titaeravct
8. He oamrspce blue eyes to...
9. Darker eyes basrbo light
10. they generally have less ekpalrs
11. Hans Eiberg offers an xopannielat
12. blue eyes are luarpop

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () eyed. The scientists say they do not know why some regions of Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people.
- () at finding a partner and having children with blue eyes. He compares blue eyes to the tail of a
- () peacock, saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates. Dr Moffat says people are attracted
- () light so they generally have less sparkle. Another scientist, Hans Eiberg, offers an explanation why blue eyes are
- () colour is blue. The scientists say that thousands of years ago, all British people's eyes
- () to the sparkle in blue eyes. He said light reacts with blue eyes to give a glitter effect. Darker eyes absorb
- () increasing because people find them more attractive. This means people with blue eyes are more successful
- () popular. He said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used to be so rare."
- (**1**) Scientists have made a map of the eye colour of people in Britain. They found out that the most common
- () of people have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. The area around Edinburgh in Scotland was the place
- () where most people had blue eyes. Over half (57 per cent) of those in and around Edinburgh have blue eyes. The southwest of
- () were brown. The researchers found that 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes, 30 per cent
- () Alistair Moffat, the lead researcher of the study, said the number of people with blue eyes is
- () England has the fewest blue-eyed people. Just 35 per cent of people living there are blue

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a made have Scientists people of colour eye the of map.

2. found out that the most common colour is blue They.

3. those (57 Edinburgh of around half and percent) Over in .

4. eyed blue are there living people of cent per 35 Just.

5. lot Britain Some eyed of have regions people blue- a of.

6. The people eyes of blue increasing number with is.

7. blue more This with are people eyes successful means.

8. to the tail of a peacock He compares blue eyes.

9. effect Light reacts with blue eyes to give a glitter.

10. about attractive something is There eyes blue.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140902-blue-eyes.html>

Scientists have made a *mapping / map* of the eye colour of people in Britain. They found out that the most *common / commonly* colour is blue. The scientists say that thousands *of / for* years ago, all British people's eyes were brown. The researchers found *what / that* 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes, 30 per cent of people have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. The *area / aura* around Edinburgh in Scotland was the *places / place* where most people had blue eyes. Over *half / halve* (57 per cent) of those in and around Edinburgh have blue eyes. The southwest *by / of* England has the fewest blue-eyed people. Just 35 per cent of people *living / live* there are blue eyed. The scientists say they do not know why some *region / regions* of Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people.

Alistair Moffat, the *lead / iron* researcher of the study, said the number of people with blue eyes is *increased / increasing* because people find them more *attractive / attractively*. This means people with blue eyes are more successful *at / for* finding a partner and having children with blue eyes. He compares blue eyes *to / at* the tail of a peacock, saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates. Dr Moffat says people are *attraction / attracted* to the sparkle in blue eyes. He said light *reacts / rejects* with blue eyes to give a glitter effect. Darker eyes absorb light so they generally have *less / few* sparkle. Another scientist, Hans Eiberg, *offers / requests* an explanation why blue eyes are popular. He said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used to be *so / such* rare."

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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Sc__nt__sts h_v_ m_d_ _ m_p_ _f th_ _y_ c_l__r_ _f
p__pl_ _n Br_t__n. Th_y f__nd __t th_t th_ m_st
c__mm_n c_l__r_ _s bl___. Th_ sc__nt__sts s_y th_t
th__s__nds _f y__rs _g_, _ll Br_t__sh p__pl_'s _y_s w_r_
br_wn. Th_ r_s__rch_rs f__nd th_t 48 p_r c_nt _f
Br_t__sh p__pl_ h_v_ bl__ _y_s, 30 p_r c_nt _f p__pl_
h_v_ gr__n _y_s _nd 22 p_r c_nt h_v_ br_wn. Th_ r__
_r__nd _d_nb_rgh _n Sc_tl_nd w_s th_ pl_c_ wh_r_
m_st p__pl_ h_d bl__ _y_s. _v_r h_lf (57 p_r c_nt) _f
th_s_ _n _nd _r__nd _d_nb_rgh h_v_ bl__ _y_s. Th_
s__thw__st _f _ngl_nd h_s th_ f_w__st bl__ - _y_d p__pl_.
J__st 35 p_r c_nt _f p__pl_ l_v_ng th_r__r_ bl__ _y_d.
Th_ sc__nt__sts s_y th_y d_n_t kn_w why s_m_r_g__ns
_f Br_t__n h_v_ _l_t_ _f bl__ - _y_d p__pl_.

_l__st__r M_ff_t, th_ l__d r_s__rch_r _f th_ st_dy, s__d
th_ n__mb_r _f p__pl_ w_th bl__ _y_s _s _ncr__s_ng
b_c__s_ p__pl_ f__nd th_m m_r__ _ttr_ct_v_. Th_s
m__ns p__pl_ w_th bl__ _y_s _r_m_r_ s_cc__ssf_l_t
f__nd__ng _p_rtn_r__nd h_v__ng ch_ldr_n w_th bl__ _y_s.
H_ c__mp_r_s bl__ _y_s t_ th_ t__l_ _f _p__c_ck,
s_y__ng _m_r_ c_l__rf_l_t__l_w_ll g_t _p__c_ck m_r_
m_t_s. Dr M_ff_t s_y_s p__pl_ _r__ _ttr_ct_d t_ th_
sp_rkl_ _n bl__ _y_s. H_ s__d l_gh_t r__cts w_th bl__
_y_s t_g_v_ _gl__tt_r__ff_ct. D_rk_r_y_s _bs__rb_l_gh_t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140902-blue-eyes.html>

scientists have made a map of the eye colour of people in Britain they found out that the most common colour is blue the scientists say that thousands of years ago all British people's eyes were brown the researchers found that 48 per cent of British people have blue eyes 30 per cent of people have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown the area around Edinburgh in Scotland was the place where most people had blue eyes over half (57 per cent) of those in and around Edinburgh have blue eyes the southwest of England has the fewest blue-eyed people just 35 per cent of people living there are blue-eyed the scientists say they do not know why some regions of Britain have a lot of blue-eyed people

Alistair Moffat the lead researcher of the study said the number of people with blue eyes is increasing because people find them more attractive this means people with blue eyes are more successful at finding a partner and having children with blue eyes he compares blue eyes to the tail of a peacock saying a more colourful tail will get a peacock more mates Dr Moffat says people are attracted to the sparkle in blue eyes he said light reacts with blue eyes to give a glitter effect darker eyes absorb light so they generally have less sparkle another scientist Hans Eiberg offers an explanation why blue eyes are popular he said "there is something attractive about blue eyes maybe because they used to be so rare"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 blue eyes. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. EYE COLOUR: Make a poster about eye colour. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BLUE EYES: Write a magazine article about blue eyes. Include imaginary interviews with people who think people with blue eyes have a better life, and with people who say eye colour does not affect your life.

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 blue eyes. Ask him/her three questions about blue eyes. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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 F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. common | a. widespread |
| 2. found | b. discovered |
| 3. area | c. region |
| 4. place | d. location |
| 5. a lot of | e. many |
| 6. study | f. research |
| 7. increasing | g. going up |
| 8. attractive | h. good-looking |
| 9. absorb | i. soak up |
| 10. popular | j. well liked |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A map of the eye colour of Britain
2. Thousands of years ago
3. 22%
4. In and around Edinburgh
5. The southwest
6. The lead researcher of the study
7. Partners
8. The sparkle (of light)
9. Light
10. Rare

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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