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Man gets world's first bionic eye

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THE READING

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A British man can see again because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, is the first patient in the world to get the new, artificial retina. He suffers from a condition called AMD. This is one of the most common eyesight problems in the world. He started losing his sight ten years ago. Doctors told him he had AMD. From that time, his sight became worse and worse. He could only see things out of the corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre was blurred and he could not see shapes properly. He said that even looking at simple things made his eyes tired.

Mr Flynn's bionic eye cost \$125,000. Britain's national health service hopes it will become cheaper so more people will be able to have the operation. Flynn had the four-hour operation last month. Doctors put a microchip in the back of his eye. They said the operation was a success. Flynn can now read a newspaper and look at flowers for the first time in many years. His doctor said: "Mr Flynn's progress is truly remarkable. He is seeing the outline of people and objects very effectively." The doctor hopes scientists will help people who have been blind from birth.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3169864/Eye-sight-breakthrough-thousands-UK-scientists-invent-BIONIC-EYE-save-sight-80-year-old.html#ixzz3gYzWtYRM>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A British man can see again because | a. was blurred |
| 2. He suffers from a condition | b. shapes properly |
| 3. one of the most common | c. worse and worse |
| 4. He started losing | d. of a new bionic eye |
| 5. his sight became | e. called AMD |
| 6. Everything in the centre | f. made his eyes tired |
| 7. he could not see | g. eyesight problems |
| 8. even looking at simple things | h. his sight ten years ago |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mr Flynn's bionic | a. truly remarkable |
| 2. Britain's national health service hopes it | b. to have the operation |
| 3. more people will be able | c. was a success |
| 4. Flynn had the four-hour | d. in the back of his eye |
| 5. Doctors put a microchip | e. eye cost \$125,000 |
| 6. They said the operation | f. operation last month |
| 7. Mr Flynn's progress is | g. been blind from birth |
| 8. help people who have | h. will become cheaper |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A British (1) _____ because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, is the first patient (2) _____ get the new, artificial retina. He suffers from a condition called AMD. This is (3) _____ common eyesight problems in the world. He started (4) _____ ten years ago. Doctors told him he had AMD. From that time, his sight became worse and worse. He could (5) _____ out of the corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre was blurred and he could not see shapes properly. He said that (6) _____ simple things made his eyes tired.

Mr Flynn's bionic eye cost \$125,000. Britain's national health service (7) _____ cheaper so more people will be able to have the operation. Flynn (8) _____ operation last month. Doctors put a microchip (9) _____ eye. They said the operation was a success. Flynn can now read a newspaper and look at flowers (10) _____ in many years. His doctor said: "Mr Flynn's progress (11) _____. He is seeing the outline of people and objects very effectively." The doctor hopes scientists will help people who have been (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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