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Level 2

New suntan drug could prevent skin cancer

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have made a drug that can copy how sunlight affects our skin. It tricks our skin into making it darker so we get a suntan. The drug gets our body to make a natural pigment called melanin. A pigment is what gives our skin its colour. Plants also have pigments that give them different colours. The scientists are from a hospital in the USA. They say their drug could be good for our health. The biggest benefits could be to prevent skin cancer and slow down how old people look. Getting a suntan can give us skin cancer, make our skin look old and give us wrinkles.

The scientists said the drug could safely give us a suntan because it has no harmful UV rays. UV rays burn our skin and damage it. The rays make light-skinned people turn red. The drug gets the body to make dark melanin. This darkens our skin and makes it look tanned. Melanin is the body's natural sunblock. It protects the skin from UV radiation and cancer. A researcher said the drug could help fight skin cancer. This is the most common type of cancer. The researcher said: "Dark pigment is associated with a lower risk of all forms of skin cancer."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40260029>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have | a. our skin |
| 2. copy how sunlight | b. melanin |
| 3. It tricks | c. we get a suntan |
| 4. making it darker so | d. old people look |
| 5. make a natural pigment called | e. made a drug |
| 6. A pigment is what gives | f. wrinkles |
| 7. slow down how | g. affects our skin |
| 8. give us | h. our skin its colour |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the drug could safely | a. fight skin cancer |
| 2. it has no harmful | b. and damage it |
| 3. UV rays burn our skin | c. our skin |
| 4. The rays make light-skinned | d. sunblock |
| 5. This darkens | e. give us a suntan |
| 6. Melanin is the body's natural | f. cancer |
| 7. the drug could help | g. UV rays |
| 8. all forms of skin | h. people turn red |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have made (1) _____ copy how sunlight affects our skin. It (2) _____ into making it darker so we get a suntan. The drug (3) _____ to make a natural pigment called melanin. A pigment is what gives our skin its colour. Plants also have pigments (4) _____ different colours. The scientists are from a hospital in the USA. They say their drug could (5) _____ our health. The biggest benefits could be to prevent skin cancer and slow down how old people look. Getting a suntan can give us skin cancer, make our skin look (6) _____ wrinkles.

The scientists said the drug could (7) _____ a suntan (8) _____ no harmful UV rays. UV rays burn our skin and damage it. The rays make light-skinned people turn red. The drug (9) _____ to make dark melanin. This darkens our skin and (10) _____ tanned. Melanin is the body's natural sunblock. It protects the skin from UV (11) _____. A researcher said the drug could help fight skin cancer. This is the most common type of cancer. The researcher said: "Dark pigment is associated (12) _____ of all forms of skin cancer."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUNTANS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170617-suntan-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about suntans 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) _____

