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Level 5 – 23rd March, 2021

Scientists say cure for baldness could be close

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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/2103/210323-baldness-cure-5.html>

Help may be near for people who are losing or have lost their hair. Japanese scientists have found stem cells that are vital for hair regeneration. This is welcome news for the millions of people worldwide who suffer from baldness. Scientists have been working on a cure for decades. The Japanese scientists are now doing clinical research and laboratory tests. They hope to adapt the stem cells to create a therapy for hair loss. Baldness mainly affects men. By the age of 35, around two-thirds of men will experience hair loss. By the age of 50, up to 85 per cent will have thinning hair.

The scientists took fur cells from mice and cultured them in the lab. They saw that hair growth is cyclical within the follicle. The scientists used 220 combinations of chemicals to make the hair regrow naturally. The lead scientist said his system creates the cyclical regeneration of hair follicles from stem cells. He said it would, "help make hair follicle regeneration therapy a reality in the near future". He added: "Losing hair is not life-threatening, but it adversely affects the quality of life." One bald man said: "Having a full head of hair again will make me look ten years younger".

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/02/14/national/hair-loss-researchers/>
<https://bgr.com/2021/02/13/baldness-cure-stem-cell-hair-growth-riken-study/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. vital for hair | a. affects men |
| 2. suffer from | b. regeneration |
| 3. working on a cure | c. hair |
| 4. scientists are now doing clinical | d. for decades |
| 5. adapt the stem cells to | e. experience hair loss |
| 6. Baldness mainly | f. baldness |
| 7. two-thirds of men will | g. create a therapy |
| 8. 85 per cent will have thinning | h. research |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The scientists took fur | a. of life |
| 2. hair growth is | b. of chemicals |
| 3. 220 combinations | c. ten years younger |
| 4. a reality in | d. cells from mice |
| 5. Losing hair is not life- | e. cyclical |
| 6. adversely affects the quality | f. head of hair |
| 7. Having a full | g. the near future |
| 8. make me look | h. threatening |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Help may (1) _____ people who are losing or have lost their hair. Japanese scientists have found stem cells that are (2) _____ regeneration. This is welcome news for the millions of people worldwide (3) _____ baldness. Scientists have been working on a (4) _____. The Japanese scientists are now doing clinical research and laboratory tests. They hope to adapt the stem cells to (5) _____ for hair loss. Baldness mainly affects men. By the age of 35, around two-thirds of men will experience hair loss. By the age of 50, up to 85 per cent will (6) _____.

The scientists took (7) _____ mice and cultured them in the lab. They saw that (8) _____ cyclical within the follicle. The scientists used 220 combinations of chemicals to make the (9) _____. The lead scientist said his system creates the cyclical regeneration of hair follicles from stem cells. He said it would, "help make hair follicle regeneration therapy a reality in (10) _____". He added: "Losing hair is not life-threatening, (11) _____ affects the quality of life." One bald man said: "Having a (12) _____ hair again will make me look ten years younger".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BALDNESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210323-baldness-cure-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about baldness 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) _____

