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Baldness treatment a 'step closer'

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THE ARTICLE

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Help may soon be at hand (or head) for the millions around the world who suffer from and worry about baldness. Scientists from the University of Durham in the UK, and Columbia University Medical Centre in the USA, say they are close to finding a solution to grow new hair. This is also good news for burns victims, who are likely to be those first helped by any new treatment. The scientists have grown new hair follicles in the laboratory. This is different from currently available treatments, which simply transplant hair from the back of the scalp to cover bald spots and areas without hair at the front of the head. Unlike transplants, the new procedure will allow the hair to keep growing naturally in the follicle.

Researcher Colin Jahoda did not give a timeframe in which his research will be commercially available. He said: "It's closer, but it's still some way away because in terms of what people want cosmetically they're looking for re-growth of hair that's the same shape, the same size, as long as before, the same angle. Some of these are almost engineering solutions." He did assure those with receding hairlines and those thinning on top that there is hope. He said: "I think baldness will eventually be treatable, absolutely." Professor Jahoda's colleague Angela Christiano was equally positive, saying their research could "revolutionise" hair-loss treatment. She said: "The first step is actually showing that it can be done."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-24607696>

<http://www.livescience.com/40575-new-hair-follicles-treatment.html>

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/10/21/cure-for-baldness-researchers-create-new-technique-for-growing-new-human-hair/>

WARM-UPS

1. BALDNESS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about baldness. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

help / suffer / baldness / hair / burns victims / treatment / transplant / bald spots / timeframe / commercially / angle / engineering / receding hairline / revolutionise

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

3. HAIR: How can we look after it better? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Problem	How much of a problem for me	Solution(s)
Losing hair		
Greying		
Dandruff		
Split ends		
Bad hair days		
Hairstyle		

4. UNNECESSARY: Students A **strongly** believe hair is unnecessary; Students B **strongly** believe it's totally essential. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. HAIRSTYLES: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- straight
- curly
- closely cropped
- shaved
- very long
- punk
- wavy
- ponytail

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131025-baldness.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Scientists in India are close to finding a solution to baldness. | T / F |
| b. The research may help people who have suffered burns on their skin. | T / F |
| c. Current methods transplant hair from the body to the head. | T / F |
| d. The new method actually grows new hair. | T / F |
| e. Researchers said the new treatment would be available from 2015. | T / F |
| f. People want hair the same size and angle as before. | T / F |
| g. A professor said engineering solutions were needed. | T / F |
| h. Another professor said the new treatment was not revolutionary. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. at hand | a. unlike |
| 2. suffer from | b. guarantee |
| 3. treatment | c. regarding |
| 4. different | d. care |
| 5. procedure | e. answers |
| 6. in terms of | f. coming soon |
| 7. solutions | g. retreating |
| 8. assure | h. shake up |
| 9. receding | i. be troubled with |
| 10. revolutionise | j. method |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Help may soon be | a. available treatments |
| 2. suffer from and | b. hairlines |
| 3. burns | c. naturally in the follicle |
| 4. different from currently | d. solutions |
| 5. allow the hair to keep growing | e. on top |
| 6. It's closer, but it's still some way | f. worry about baldness |
| 7. engineering | g. victims |
| 8. receding | h. that it can be done |
| 9. those thinning | i. at hand |
| 10. The first step is actually showing | j. away |

GAP FILL

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Help may soon be at (1) _____ (or head) for the millions around the world who (2) _____ from and worry about baldness. Scientists from the University of Durham in the UK, and Columbia University Medical Centre in the USA, say they are close to finding a solution to grow new hair. This is also good news for (3) _____ victims, who are likely to be those first helped by any new treatment. The scientists have grown new hair follicles in the (4) _____. This is different from currently (5) _____ treatments, which simply transplant hair from the back of the (6) _____ to cover bald spots and areas without hair at the front of the head. Unlike (7) _____, the new (8) _____ will allow the hair to keep growing naturally in the follicle.

laboratory
transplants
burns
procedure
hand
available
suffer
scalp

Researcher Colin Jahoda did not give a (9) _____ in which his research will be commercially available. He said: "It's closer, but it's still some way away because in (10) _____ of what people want cosmetically they're looking for re-growth of hair that's the same shape, the same size, as long as before, the same (11) _____. Some of these are almost (12) _____ solutions." He did assure those with (13) _____ hairlines and those (14) _____ on top that there is hope. He said: "I think baldness will eventually be (15) _____, absolutely." Professor Jahoda's colleague Angela Christiano was equally positive, saying their research could "revolutionise" hair-loss treatment. She said: "The first (16) _____ is actually showing that it can be done."

thinning
angle
step
timeframe
receding
terms
treatable
engineering

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) they are close to finding _____ grow new hair
 - a. the solution to
 - b. a revolution to
 - c. a solvent to
 - d. a solution to
- 2) good news for burns victims, who are likely to be those first helped by _____
 - a. any new treatments
 - b. any new treat mint
 - c. any new treatment
 - d. any new treat meant
- 3) This is different from currently _____
 - a. availability treatments
 - b. a valuable treatments
 - c. available treatments
 - d. avail of bull treatments
- 4) transplant hair from the back of the scalp to _____
 - a. cover bold spots
 - b. cover board spots
 - c. cover balled spots
 - d. cover bald spots
- 5) Unlike transplants, the new procedure will allow the hair to _____
 - a. keep growing naturally
 - b. keep growing naturalise
 - c. keep growing natural
 - d. keep growing unnaturally
- 6) Colin Jahoda did not give a timeframe in which his research will be _____
 - a. commercials available
 - b. commercially available
 - c. commerce all available
 - d. commercial available
- 7) in terms of what people _____
 - a. want cosmetics
 - b. want cosmetician
 - c. want cosmetically
 - d. want cosmetic
- 8) the same shape, the same size, as long as before, _____
 - a. the say mangle
 - b. the same angle
 - c. the same angled
 - d. the same angular
- 9) He did assure those with receding hairlines and those _____
 - a. thin in on top
 - b. thinning in top
 - c. thinning a top
 - d. thinning on top
- 10) Professor Jahoda's colleague Angela Christiano _____
 - a. was equally positive
 - b. was equalise positive
 - c. was equals positive
 - d. was equal positive

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131025-baldness.html>

1. What may soon be at hand?

2. In which two countries are researchers working on baldness?

3. Who might be the first recipients of any new baldness treatment?

4. Where do current treatments take hair from?

5. What does the new treatment allow hair to do?

6. When will the research be commercially available?

7. How long do people want their new, regrown hair to be?

8. What kind of solutions did a researcher say is needed?

9. Who did professor Jahoda assure, besides those receding?

10. What did Angela Christiano say her research could do for hair loss?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131025-baldness.html>

1. What may soon be at hand?
 - a) hair
 - b) head
 - c) help
 - d) research
2. In which two countries are researchers working on baldness?
 - a) GB and America
 - b) Canada and France
 - c) India and China
 - d) Japan and South Korea
3. Who might be the first recipients of any new baldness treatment?
 - a) engineers
 - b) researchers
 - c) actors
 - d) burns victims
4. Where do current treatments take hair from?
 - a) animals
 - b) the back of the head
 - c) the laboratory
 - d) hair salons
5. What does the new treatment allow hair to do?
 - a) change colour
 - b) be straight or curly
 - c) grow naturally
 - d) stay in forever
6. When will the research be commercially available?
 - a) probably never
 - b) no one knows
 - c) 2015
 - d) the end of this year
7. How long do people want their new, regrown hair to be?
 - a) as long as possible
 - b) they don't care
 - c) on average, 11.54cm
 - d) as long as before
8. What kind of solutions did a researcher say is needed?
 - a) ones with glue
 - b) engineering ones
 - c) hairspray
 - d) liquid ones
9. Who did professor Jahoda assure, besides those receding?
 - a) those thinning on top
 - b) those on a diet
 - c) those not receding
 - d) those who shave their head
10. What did Angela Christiano say her research could for hair loss?
 - a) very little
 - b) nothing
 - c) speed it up
 - d) revolutionise it

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Wig / Toupee

You think a wig or toupee is the best solution for baldness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): being clean shaven, a hair transplant or leaving it as it is.

Role B – Clean shaven

You think being clean shaven is the best solution for baldness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a wig or toupee, a hair transplant or leaving it as it is.

Role C – Transplant

You think a hair transplant is the best solution for baldness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): being clean shaven, a wig or toupee or leaving it as it is.

Role D – Leaving it as it is

You think leaving it as it is is the best solution for baldness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): being clean shaven, a hair transplant or a wig or toupee.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131025-baldness.html>

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

hair	loss
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- 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">• hand• close• news• currently• back• keep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• give• some• before• top• eventually• step
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BALDNESS SURVEY

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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.

BALDNESS 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 'baldness'?
- c) Why do men go bald?
- d) Why do men worry about going bald?
- e) How would (did) you feel if (when) you started going bald?
- f) What are the advantages of being bald?
- g) How would new hair change someone's life?
- h) Why do we have hair?
- i) Why do men usually go bald but not women (so much)?
- j) Are bald women beautiful?

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BALDNESS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Are men with hair more handsome than bald men?
- c) How popular do you think the baldness treatment will be?
- d) What are the disadvantages of being bald?
- e) What do you think of your hair?
- f) What other hair treatments would you like scientists to discover?
- g) What hairstyle would you really, really like to have?
- h) Do people worry too much about their hair?
- i) What advice would you give to someone worried about going bald?
- j) What questions would you like to ask professor Jahoda?

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) face | (b) back | (c) hand | (d) hair |
| 2. | (a) solution | (b) solvent | (c) solved | (d) salutation |
| 3. | (a) burns | (b) burning | (c) burnt | (d) burn |
| 4. | (a) simply | (b) easily | (c) justly | (d) costly |
| 5. | (a) circles | (b) spots | (c) lines | (d) hairs |
| 6. | (a) pedicure | (b) promiscuity | (c) procure | (d) procedure |
| 7. | (a) timely | (b) timepiece | (c) timeframe | (d) time-to-time |
| 8. | (a) around | (b) ajar | (c) afar | (d) away |
| 9. | (a) cosmetically | (b) beautifully | (c) prettily | (d) outwardly |
| 10. | (a) solved | (b) solutions | (c) solvents | (d) soluble |
| 11. | (a) treatise | (b) treatable | (c) treated | (d) treating |
| 12. | (a) proofing | (b) growing | (c) showing | (d) lengthening |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. close to finding a oslontui
2. The scientists have grown new hair slilicef
3. in the aayrorlbto.
4. the back of the slacp
5. the new uerdcerop
6. keep growing naluatry

Paragraph 2

7. did not give a atmefemri
8. be omlarcecmliy available
9. what people want ocsamelcytil
10. egniegienrn solutions
11. rieegdnc hairlines
12. Inuovsreitoie (UK) / rniieozvolut (USA) hair-loss treatment

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () before, the same angle. Some of these are almost engineering solutions." He did assure those with receding
- () Researcher Colin Jahoda did not give a timeframe in which his research will be commercially
- () simply transplant hair from the back of the scalp to cover bald spots and areas without hair at the front
- () follicles in the laboratory. This is different from currently available treatments, which
- () in the USA, say they are close to finding a solution to grow new hair. This is also good news for burns
- () "revolutionise" hair-loss treatment. She said: "The first step is actually showing that it can be done."
- () available. He said: "It's closer, but it's still some way away because in terms of what people want
- () of the head. Unlike transplants, the new procedure will allow the hair to keep growing naturally in the follicle.
- () hairlines and those thinning on top that there is hope. He said: "I think baldness will eventually be
- () about baldness. Scientists from the University of Durham in the UK, and Columbia University Medical Centre
- () treatable, absolutely." Professor Jahoda's colleague Angela Christiano was equally positive, saying their research could
- (**1**) Help may soon be at hand (or head) for the millions around the world who suffer from and worry
- () cosmetically they're looking for re-growth of hair that's the same shape, the same size, as long as
- () victims, who are likely to be those first helped by any new treatment. The scientists have grown new hair

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. . soon hand head) may at (or Help be

2. hair new grow to solution a finding to close are They.

3. victims good news This for is burns also.

4. different is This treatments available currently from.

5. the hair to keep growing naturally in the follicle . Allow

6. still away closer it's way It's but some ,.

7. hair looking shape that's re-growth for the of They're same.

8. receding those top with and on Those hairlines thinning.

9. treatable be eventually will baldness think I.

10. it that showing actually is step first The done be can.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Help may soon be at *handy / hand* (or head) for the millions around the world who *suffering / suffer* from and worry about baldness. Scientists from the University of Durham in the UK, and Columbia University Medical Centre in the USA, say they are close to finding a *soluble / solution* to grow new hair. This is also good news for *burns / barns* victims, who are *likely / liked* to be those first helped by any new treatment. The scientists have grown new hair follicles in the *lavatory / laboratory*. This is different from currently available treatments, which *simply / simple* transplant hair from the back of the scalp to *cover / discover* bald spots and areas without hair at the front of the head. Unlike transplants, the new procedure will *allot / allow* the hair to keep growing naturally *in / on* the follicle.

Researcher Colin Jahoda did not give a *timepiece / timeframe* in which his research will be *commercially / commercial* available. He said: "It's closer, but it's still some way *way / away* because in *terms / times* of what people want cosmetically they're looking for re-growth of hair that's the same shape, the same size, as *long / length* as before, the same angle. Some of these are almost *engineering / engineer's* solutions." He did assure those with *reducing / receding* hairlines and those thinning on top that there is hope. He said: "I think baldness will *eventual / eventually* be treatable, absolutely." Professor Jahoda's colleague Angela Christiano was *equal / equally* positive, saying their research could "revolutionise" hair-loss treatment. She said: "The first *step / stop* is actually showing that it can be done."

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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H_l_p m_y s__n b_ _t h_nd (_r h__d) f_r th_ m_ll__ns
_r__nd th_ w_rld wh_ s_ff_r fr_m __nd w_rry _b__t
b_ldn_ss. Sc__nt_sts fr_m th_ __n_v_rs_ty _f D_rh_m
n th _K, __nd C_l_mb__ __n_v_rs_ty M_d_c_l C_ntr_
n th _S_, s_y th_y _r_c_l_s_ t_f_ndng __s_l_t__n
t_gr_w n_w h__r. Th_s __s__ls_g__d n_ws f_r b_rns
v_ct_ms, wh_ __r_l_k_ly t_b_ th_s_ f_rst h_l_p_d by
_ny n_w tr__tm_nt. Th_ sc__nt_sts h_v_ gr_wn n_w
h__r f_ll_cl_s __n th_ l_b_r_t_ry. Th_s __s_d_ff_r_nt
fr_m c_rr_ntly __v__l_b_l_ tr__tm_nts, wh_ch s_mply
tr_nspl_nt h__r fr_m th_ b_ck __f th_ sc_l_p_t_ c_v_r
b_ld sp_ts __nd __r__s_w th__t h__r__t th_ fr_nt __f th_
h__d. __n_l_k_ tr_nspl_nts, th_ n_w pr_c_d_r_w ll__ll_w
th_ h__r_t_k__p gr_wng n_t_r_lly __n th_ f_ll_cl_.

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H_s__d: "t's cl_s_r, b_t __t's st_ll s_m_w_y __w_y
b_c__s__ __n t_rms __f wh_t p__pl_ w_nt c_sm_t_c_lly
th_y'r_l__k_ng f_r r-gr_wth __f h__r th_t's th_s_m__
sh_p_, th_s_m_s_z_, __s_l ng __s_b_f_r_, th_s_m__
__ngl_. S_m__ __f th_s__ __r__l m_st __ng n__r ng
s_l_t__ns." H__d_d __ss_r__ th_s__ w th_r_c_d ng
h__rl_n_s __nd th_s__ th_nn ng __n t_p th_t th_r__s
h_p_. H_s__d: " __th_nk b_ldn_ss_w ll __v_nt__lly b_
tr__t_b_l_, __bs_l_t_ly." Pr_f_ss_r J_h_d_'s c_ll__g__
__ng_l_ Chr_st__n_w_s __q__lly p_s_t_v_, s_y ng th__r
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Sh_s__d: "Th_ f_rst st_p __s__ct__lly sh_w ng th_t __t
c_n b_d_n_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131025-baldness.html>

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

3. BALDNESS: Make a poster about baldness. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HAIR: Write a magazine article about hair. Include imaginary interviews with people who think hair is unnecessary and someone who thinks it is essential.

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 a hair expert. Ask him/her three questions about baldness. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. at hand | a. coming soon |
| 2. suffer from | b. be troubled with |
| 3. treatment | c. care |
| 4. different | d. unlike |
| 5. procedure | e. method |
| 6. in terms of | f. regarding |
| 7. solutions | g. answers |
| 8. assure | h. guarantee |
| 9. receding | i. retreating |
| 10. revolutionise | j. shake up |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Help for bald people
2. The UK and USA
3. Burns victims
4. The back of the scalp
5. Grow naturally
6. There's no timeframe
7. As long as before
8. Engineering solutions
9. Those thinning on top
10. Revolutionise it

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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