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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 eye. He has one of the most common eyesight problems in the world. It is called AMD. Doctors told him about it eight years ago. His sight became worse and worse. He could only see out of the corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre was blurred. He said that looking at simple things made his eyes tired.

Mr Flynn's bionic eye cost \$125,000. Britain's health service hopes it will be cheaper so more people can get one. The operation lasted four hours. Doctors said it 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...is seeing the outline of people and objects very [well]." The doctor hopes scientists can help people who have been blind from birth.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A British man can | a. was blurred |
| 2. one of the most common | b. and worse |
| 3. Doctors told him about | c. eyes tired |
| 4. His sight became worse | d. eyesight problems |
| 5. He could only see out of the | e. see again |
| 6. Everything in the centre | f. corners of his eyes |
| 7. looking at simple | g. it eight years ago |
| 8. made his | h. things |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mr Flynn's bionic eye | a. of people |
| 2. Britain's health | b. time in many years |
| 3. it will be | c. cost \$125,000 |
| 4. The operation lasted | d. success |
| 5. Doctors said it was a | e. from birth |
| 6. look at flowers for the first | f. service |
| 7. seeing the outline | g. four hours |
| 8. people who have been blind | h. cheaper |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A British man (1) _____ because of a new bionic eye. Ray Flynn, 80, (2) _____ patient in the world to get the new eye. He has one (3) _____ eyesight problems in the world. It is called AMD. Doctors told him about it (4) _____. His sight became worse and worse. He could only (5) _____ corners of his eyes. Everything in the centre was blurred. He said that looking at simple things (6) _____.

Mr Flynn's (7) _____ \$125,000. Britain's health service hopes (8) _____ so more people can get one. The operation (9) _____. Doctors said it was a success. Flynn can now read a newspaper and look at flowers for (10) _____ many years. His doctor said: "Mr Flynn...is seeing (11) _____ people and objects very [well]." The doctor hopes scientists can 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)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
