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Level 1

New suntan drug could prevent skin cancer

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have made a drug that copies how sunlight affects our skin. It tricks our skin into becoming darker. It gets our body to make melanin. Melanin is what gives our skin its colour. The scientists are from a hospital in the USA. They say their drug could be good for our health. It could stop skin cancer and slow down how old we look. Lots of sun can give us skin cancer. It can also make our skin look old and give us wrinkles.

The drug could give us a suntan without the Sun's harmful UV rays. UV rays damage our skin. They make light-skinned people turn red. Melanin darkens our skin so we look tanned. Melanin is our natural sunblock. It protects the skin from UV rays. A researcher said the drug could help fight skin cancer. This is the most common type of cancer. The researcher said melanin can, "lower [the] risk of all forms of skin cancer".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40260029>
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<http://www.medicaldaily.com/how-prevent-skin-cancer-drug-tans-skin-just-sun-without-risk-uv-damage-419018>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have made | a. old we look |
| 2. how sunlight | b. to make melanin |
| 3. It tricks our skin into | c. wrinkles |
| 4. It gets our body | d. affects our skin |
| 5. Melanin is what gives | e. our skin look old |
| 6. slow down how | f. a drug |
| 7. It can also make | g. our skin its colour |
| 8. give us | h. becoming darker |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The drug could give | a. type of cancer |
| 2. without the Sun's | b. our skin |
| 3. UV rays damage | c. our skin |
| 4. They make light-skinned | d. us a suntan |
| 5. Melanin darkens | e. forms of skin cancer |
| 6. Melanin is our natural | f. people turn red |
| 7. This is the most common | g. harmful UV rays |
| 8. lower the risk of all | h. sunblock |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ drug that copies how sunlight affects our skin. It (2) _____ skin into becoming darker. It (3) _____ to make melanin. Melanin is what (4) _____ its colour. The scientists are from a hospital in the USA. They say their drug could be good (5) _____. It could stop skin cancer and slow down how old we look. Lots of sun can give us skin cancer. It can also (6) _____ look old and give us wrinkles.

The drug could (7) _____ without the Sun's harmful UV rays. UV rays (8) _____. They make light-skinned people turn red. Melanin (9) _____ so we look tanned. Melanin (10) _____ sunblock. It protects the skin from UV rays. A researcher said the drug could help fight skin cancer. (11) _____ common type of cancer. The researcher said melanin can, "lower [the] risk (12) _____ 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **suntans** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
