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Scientists 'close' to cure for baldness

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THE READING

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Scientists believe they are close to a cure for baldness. This is welcome news for millions of bald or balding people worldwide. Researchers in California have been working on developing stem cells that can regenerate hair growth. Their implant technique has been successful in developing fresh growth in a way that copies natural hair reproduction. A researcher said the research overcomes key challenges. He said: "Now we have a robust, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using an unlimited source of human stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of all men by the age of 50. Hair replacement products and hair transplants are a multi-billion-dollar global industry. Transplant surgery can cost up to \$50,000. The process of hair loss usually starts in men in their early twenties or thirties. This can lead to anxiety and a loss of self-confidence. Many men worry about receding hairlines, bald spots and baldness. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women have thinning hair later in their life. A doctor said hair loss greatly affected people's lives.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/baldness-stem-cell-hair-loss-breakthrough-alopecia-california-a8979066.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. This is welcome | a. looking hair |
| 2. cells that can | b. fresh growth |
| 3. successful in developing | c. key challenges |
| 4. a way that copies natural hair | d. of human stem cells |
| 5. the research overcomes | e. news for millions |
| 6. we have a robust, highly | f. reproduction |
| 7. generating natural- | g. regenerate hair growth |
| 8. an unlimited source | h. controlled method |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Hair replacement products | a. hair later in their life |
| 2. a multi-billion-dollar | b. and hair transplants |
| 3. men in their | c. spots and baldness |
| 4. anxiety and a loss of | d. people's lives |
| 5. receding hairlines, bald | e. early twenties |
| 6. Baldness is also | f. global industry |
| 7. women have thinning | g. a problem for women |
| 8. hair loss greatly affected | h. self-confidence |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists believe they are close (1) _____ for baldness. This is welcome news for millions (2) _____ balding people worldwide. Researchers in California have been working on developing stem cells that (3) _____ growth. Their implant technique has been successful in developing fresh growth in a (4) _____ natural hair reproduction. A researcher said the research overcomes key challenges. He said: "Now we (5) _____, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using an unlimited (6) _____ stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of all men (7) _____ of 50. Hair replacement products and hair transplants are a multi-billion-dollar global industry. Transplant surgery (8) _____ to \$50,000. The process of hair loss usually starts in men (9) _____ twenties or thirties. This can lead (10) _____ a loss of self-confidence. Many men worry about receding hairlines, (11) _____ baldness. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women have thinning hair later in their life. A doctor said hair (12) _____ people's lives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

