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New eye drops improve vision without glasses

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

Help is at hand for people whose vision is worsening. An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can treat an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when people's close-up vision starts getting blurred. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It affects over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or access to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an innovative new prescription eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see up close".

Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things clearly up close. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred. It wrote: "In clinical studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was measured by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-vision eye chart." The drops work by reducing the eye's pupil size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in focus.

Sources: <https://www.sciencealert.com/new-eye-drops-can-help-us-continue-to-see-well-as-our-wear-with-age>
<https://www.healio.com/news/ophthalmology/20220427/certain-patients-may-be-better-suited-for-presbyopia-drops>
<https://www.vuity.com/introducing-vuity>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

help / vision / pharmaceutical / eye drops / close-up / globe / surgery / prescription / glasses / text / eye chart / studies / blurred / patients / pupil / focus on text

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

3. SCREEN TIME: Students A **strongly** believe we need to halve our screen time; Students B **strongly** believe this isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. EYE CARE: How good are these things for your eyes? To what extent do you use them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Good	Your Use
Sleep		
Eye drops		
A good diet		
Carrots		
Sunglasses		
Eye tests		

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

6. BAD FOR THE EYES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things for the eyes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Reading in poor light
- Digital screens
- Sun
- Pollution
- Ageing
- Contact lenses
- Dust
- Smoking

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. at hand | a. Relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation, use, or sale. |
| 2. pharmaceutical | b. Unable to see or be seen clearly. |
| 3. treat | c. Close by. |
| 4. blurred | d. A medicine or remedy that is given or recommended by doctors. |
| 5. innovative | e. Of a product, idea, etc. featuring new methods; advanced and original. |
| 6. prescription | f. Officially agreed to or accepted as satisfactory. |
| 7. approved | g. Give medical care or attention to; try to heal or cure. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. sufferer | h. A sheet of information in the form of a table, graph, or diagram. |
| 9. stated | i. A part, share, or number considered in comparative relation to a whole. |
| 10. clinical | j. A thing that is achieved or acquired. |
| 11. proportion | k. A person who is affected by an illness. |
| 12. gain | l. Clearly expressed or identified. |
| 13. pupil | m. The dark circular opening in the centre of the eye. |
| 14. chart | n. Relating to the observation and treatment of actual patients rather than theories. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

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

1. An American company called Allergen developed some eye drops. **T / F**
2. People usually start getting blurred vision in their 50s. **T / F**
3. Around 16% of people with blurred vision cannot afford glasses. **T / F**
4. The eye drops are the first to get approval from the FDA. **T / F**
5. People with presbyopia have trouble seeing things far away. **T / F**
6. The eye drops help people to see all the lines on an eye chart. **T / F**
7. Making the pupil smaller helps people to see things in the distance. **T / F**
8. Someone who used the drops could see smaller text better. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. at hand | a. narrowing |
| 2. treat | b. distinctly |
| 3. blurred | c. ordinarily |
| 4. innovative | d. cure |
| 5. clearly | e. characters |
| 6. normally | f. original |
| 7. reducing | g. centre |
| 8. proportion | h. near |
| 9. focus | i. fraction |
| 10. letters | j. vague |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Help is | a. focus on text |
| 2. drops that can treat an eye condition | b. related Blurry Near Vision |
| 3. people's close-up vision starts | c. need glasses |
| 4. these cannot afford | d. on an eye chart |
| 5. treat age- | e. called presbyopia |
| 6. Sufferers | f. reducing the eye's pupil size |
| 7. see three lines | g. getting blurred |
| 8. clinical | h. eyeglasses |
| 9. The drops work by | i. studies |
| 10. This helps people to | j. at hand |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

Help is at (1) _____ for people whose vision is worsening. An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can (2) _____ an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when people's close-up vision starts getting (3) _____. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It (4) _____ over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or (5) _____ to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an (6) _____ new prescription eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-(7) _____ Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see up (8) _____".

blurred
innovative
affects
close
hand
related
treat
access

Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things (9) _____ up close. Sufferers need (10) _____ or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would (11) _____ be blurred. It wrote: "In (12) _____ studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was (13) _____ by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-(14) _____ eye chart." The drops work by reducing the eye's (15) _____ size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in (16) _____.

normally
measured
glasses
pupil
clinical
focus
clearly
vision

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Help is at hand for people whose _____
 - a. vision is worsen in
 - b. vision is worse sinning
 - c. vision is worse in
 - d. vision is worsening
- 2) called Allergan has developed eye drops that can _____ condition
 - a. threat an eye
 - b. teat an eye
 - c. treat an eye
 - d. trait an eye
- 3) This is when people's close-up vision _____
 - a. starts getting burred
 - b. starts get in blurred
 - c. starts getting blur red
 - d. starts getting blurred
- 4) About 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or _____ surgery
 - a. access to eye
 - b. excess to eye
 - c. axe says to eye
 - d. assess to eye
- 5) It added they "may help patients with presbyopia _____
 - a. see up closed
 - b. see up close
 - c. see up closes
 - d. see up closet
- 6) Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and _____
 - a. computer screen bigger
 - b. computer screens bigger
 - c. computer screams bigger
 - d. computer sheens bigger
- 7) Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on _____
 - a. an eye chat
 - b. an eye charts
 - c. an eye shard
 - d. an eye chart
- 8) patients received one drop of Vuity in each _____
 - a. eye once day lily
 - b. eye ones daily
 - c. eye ones dally
 - d. eye once daily
- 9) The drops work by reducing the _____
 - a. eye's pupil sized
 - b. eye's pupil size
 - c. eye's pupil sizes
 - d. eye's pupil size
- 10) A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller _____
 - a. letter sin focus
 - b. let us in focus
 - c. let tease focus
 - d. letters in focus

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things (7) _____. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see (8) _____ an eye chart that would normally be blurred. It wrote: "In clinical studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each (9) _____, this was measured by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-vision eye chart." The drops work by reducing the (10) _____. This helps people to (11) _____ and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

1. What does the article say is at hand?
2. What is the name of the eye condition?
3. When do people usually start getting the condition?
4. What percentage of people with the condition cannot afford glasses?
5. Who has given the eye drops a green light?
6. What do sufferers of the condition have to make bigger?
7. What kind of studies were mentioned in the article?
8. How many previously blurred lines could the drops help people see?
9. What do the eye drops reduce the size of?
10. What could a user of the drops see better?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

- 1) What does the article say is at hand?
 - a) eyesight
 - b) fingers
 - c) help
 - d) a palm
- 2) What is the name of the eye condition?
 - a) presbyopia
 - b) Presbyterian
 - c) onomatopoeia
 - d) perspicacious
- 3) When do people usually start getting the condition?
 - a) in old age
 - b) after lunch
 - c) after too much screen time
 - d) in their 40s
- 4) What percentage of people with the condition cannot afford glasses?
 - a) 3%
 - b) 16%
 - c) 40%
 - d) 12%
- 5) Who has given the eye drops a green light?
 - a) a light company
 - b) a traffic authority
 - c) the FDA
 - d) the WHO
- 6) What do sufferers of the condition have to make bigger?
 - a) their eyes
 - b) text on small screens
 - c) the drops
 - d) a magnifying glass
- 7) What kind of studies were mentioned in the article?
 - a) exploratory studies
 - b) longitudinal studies
 - c) latitudinal studies
 - d) clinical studies
- 8) How many previously blurred lines could the drops help people see?
 - a) five
 - b) three
 - c) eight
 - d) one
- 9) What do the eye drops reduce the size of?
 - a) the eye's pupil
 - b) the eye
 - c) the iris
 - d) the lens on the eye
- 10) What could a user of the drops see better?
 - a) colour
 - b) his face
 - c) the horizon
 - d) smaller letters

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Reading in Poor Light

You think reading in poor light is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): too much screen time, sunlight or ageing.

Role B – Too Much Screen Time

You think too much screen time is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): reading in poor light, sunlight or ageing.

Role C – Sunlight

You think sunlight is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): too much screen time, reading in poor light or ageing.

Role D – Ageing

You think ageing is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): too much screen time, sunlight or reading in poor light.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

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

eye	drops

- 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• pharmaceutical• starts• 16• innovative• may	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• means• text• lines• daily• pupil• tested
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EYESIGHT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about eyesight 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.

EYESIGHT DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'eye'?
3. What's your eyesight like?
4. How important is perfect vision?
5. What do you think of the new eye drops?
6. What can we do to look after our eyes?
7. How much do you worry about your eyesight?
8. Do you spend too much time looking at screens?
9. Would you prefer to wear glasses or contact lenses?
10. Would you have surgery to improve your eyesight?

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EYESIGHT DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'vision'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is reading bad for our eyes?
15. What do you do that is bad for your eyes?
16. What do you know about how vision works?
17. Will technology mean everyone will have perfect eyesight?
18. Have you ever had any problems with your eyes?
19. How do you do when you take an eye test?
20. What questions would you like to ask the eye-drops company?

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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Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things (7) _____ up close. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan (8) _____ that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred. It wrote: "In (9) _____ studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was measured by the proportion (10) _____ patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-vision eye chart." The drops work (11) _____ reducing the eye's pupil size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters (12) _____ focus.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) worse | (b) worsen | (c) worsening | (d) worsens |
| 2. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) threaten | (d) treatise |
| 3. | (a) blurred | (b) burred | (c) burned | (d) blamed |
| 4. | (a) afford | (b) dig | (c) vision | (d) foresee |
| 5. | (a) outrageous | (b) innovative | (c) overt | (d) opaque |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) clarity | (b) clearness | (c) clearly | (d) clear |
| 8. | (a) stared | (b) starred | (c) strutted | (d) stated |
| 9. | (a) clinical | (b) cline | (c) cleanse | (d) cleaning |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) on | (d) at |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) in | (d) by |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An American phrcileamtaauc company
2. vision starts getting dlerrub
3. access to eye usgryre
4. an nioavntvei new prescription eye drop
5. the first and only FDA-ppdveaor eye drop
6. they may help patetsin

Paragraph 2

7. eesfrrusf need glasses
8. In iclinalc studies
9. measured by the nrtopoirop
10. vgihaecni a 3-line gain
11. a near-isvion eye chart
12. reducing the eye's luipp size

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an innovative new
- () company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can treat an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when
- () people's close-up vision starts getting blurred. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It affects
- (**1**) Help is at hand for people whose vision is worsening. An American pharmaceutical
- () Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things clearly up close. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text
- () of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was measured by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more
- () who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in focus.
- () on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three
- () over a billion people around the globe. About 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or access
- () prescription eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-
- () lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred. It wrote: "In clinical studies where patients received one drop
- () related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see up close".
- () size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user
- () reading a near-vision eye chart." The drops work by reducing the eye's pupil

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

1. vision . is with for people near worsening Help
2. drops that condition . can Eye an treat eye
3. blurred . vision people's when close-up It's getting starts
4. 40s . starts into people get when their It
5. It helps presbyopia up close . see with patients
6. means clearly . to things Presbyopia see it's difficult
7. bigger . and on text phone Make screens computer
8. blurred . eye normally that would chart be An
9. work size . reducing drops pupil The by the
10. helped focus . smaller in They letters him see

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

Help is at *head / hand* for people whose vision is *worsening / worsen*. An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can *treat / threat* an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when people's close-up vision starts getting *burred / blurred*. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It *effects / affects* over a billion people around the *global / globe*. About 16 per cent of these cannot *affront / afford* eyeglasses or access to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an innovative new *description / prescription* eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) *in / on* adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see *up / down* close".

Presbyopia means it is *difficult / difficulty* to see things clearly up close. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text *in / on* phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan *stated / started* that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would *normally / normality* be blurred. It wrote: "*In / On* clinical studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in *each / every* eye once daily, this was measured *by / of* the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line *grain / gain* or more reading a near-vision eye chart." The drops work by reducing the eye's *pulp / pupil* size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters *in / on* focus.

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 _s _t h_nd f_r p__pl_ wh_s_ v_s__n _s
w_rs_n_ng. _n _m_r_c_n ph_rm_c__t_c_l c_m_p_n_y c_ll_d
_ll_rg_n h_s d_v_l_p_d _y_ dr_ps th_t c_n tr__t _n
y c_nd_t__n c_ll_d pr_sby_p__ . Th_s _s wh_n
p__pl_'s cl_s_-_p v_s__n st_rts g_tt_ng bl_rr_d. _t
_s__lly st_rts wh_n p__pl_ g_t _nt_ th__r 40s. _t
_ff_cts _v_r _ b_ll__n p__pl_ _r__nd th_ gl_b_. _b__t
16 p_r c_nt _f th_s_ c_nn_t _ff_rd _y_gl_ss_s _r
_cc_ss t_ _y_ s_rg_ry. Th_ n_w _y_ dr_ps _r_ c_ll_d
V__ty. _ll_rg_n c_ll_d th_m " _n _nn_v_t_v_ n_w
pr_scr_pt__n _y_ dr_p". _t s__d V__ty _s "th_ f_rst
_nd _nly FD_-ppr_v_d _y_ dr_p t_ tr__t _g_-r_l_t_d
Bl_rry N__r V_s__n (pr_sby_p__) _n _d_lts". _t _dd_d
th_y "m_y h_l_p p_t__nts w_th pr_sby_p__ s__ _p
cl_s_".

Pr_sby_p__ m__ns _t _s d_ff_c_l_t t_ s__ th_ngs cl__rly
_p cl_s_. S_ff_r_rs n__d gl_ss_s _r h_v_ t_ m_k_ th_
t_xt _n ph_n_ _nd c_m_p_t_r scr__ns b_gg_r. _n _ts
w_bs_t_, _ll_rg_n st_t_d th_t _ts _y_ dr_ps c__ld h_l_p
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220509-eye-drops.html>

help is at hand for people whose vision is worsening an american pharmaceutical company called allergan has developed eye drops that can treat an eye condition called presbyopia this is when peoples closeup vision starts getting blurred it usually starts when people get into their 40s it affects over a billion people around the globe about 16 per cent of these cannot afford eyeglasses or access to eye surgery the new eye drops are called vuity allergan called them an innovative new prescription eye drop it said vuity is the first and only fda approved eye drop to treat age related blurry near vision presbyopia in adults it added they may help patients with presbyopia see up close

presbyopia means it is difficult to see things clearly up close sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger on its website allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred it wrote in clinical studies where patients received one drop of vuity in each eye once daily this was measured by the proportion of patients achieving a 3line gain or more reading a nearvision eye chart the drops work by reducing the eyes pupil size this helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them a user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in focus

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Help is at hand for people whose vision is worsening. An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can treat an eye condition called presbyopia. This is when people's close-up vision starts getting blurred. It usually starts when people get into their 40s. It affects over a billion people around the globe. About 16 percent of these cannot afford eye glasses or access to eye surgery. The new eye drops are called Vuity. Allergan called them "an innovative new prescription eye drop". It said Vuity is "the first and only FDA-approved eye drop to treat age-related Blurry Near Vision (presbyopia) in adults". It added they "may help patients with presbyopia see up close". Presbyopia means it is difficult to see things clearly up close. Sufferers need glasses or have to make the text on phone and computer screens bigger. On its website, Allergan stated that its eye drops could help people see three lines on an eye chart that would normally be blurred. It wrote: "In clinical studies where patients received one drop of Vuity in each eye once daily, this was measured by the proportion of patients achieving a 3-line gain or more reading a near-vision eye chart. "The drops work by reducing the eye's pupil size. This helps people to focus on text and objects that are near them. A user who tested the eye drops said they helped him see smaller letters in focus.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SCREEN TIME: Write a magazine article about drastically reducing screen time. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on eyesight. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can better look after our eyes. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. j	4. f	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Help
2. Presbyopia
3. In their 40s
4. 16%
5. The FDA
6. Text on phone and computer screens
7. Clinical studies
8. Three (or more)
9. The eye's pupil
10. Smaller letters

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Help is near for people with worsening vision.
2. Eye drops that can treat an eye condition.
3. It's when people's close-up vision starts getting blurred.
4. It starts when people get into their 40s.
5. It helps patients with presbyopia see up close.
6. Presbyopia means it's difficult to see things clearly.
7. Make text on phone and computer screens bigger.
8. An eye chart that would normally be blurred.
9. The drops work by reducing the pupil size.
10. They helped him see smaller letters in focus.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 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 ;-)