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Brad Pitt says he suffers from facial blindness

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has revealed he suffers from facial blindness. This is a neurological disorder that causes people to find it difficult to recognize people's faces. In more serious cases, sufferers can draw a blank when seeing the face of a family member or even one's own face. The condition is called prosopagnosia. It is a little-known ailment that afflicts about 1 in 40 people. It often triggers anxiety as people feel embarrassed in social situations when they struggle to remember who people are. Sufferers tend to avoid situations in which they will meet people, and as a result become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they will be reluctant to leave their home.

Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He first spoke about it in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name. He worried that people thought he was being "aloof, inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think I'm disrespecting them." He said he has used many strategies to get around his lack of recall. He asked acquaintances where he had met them before, but said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People were more offended....You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will raise awareness of it.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/07/07/entertainment/brad-pitt-facial-blindness/index.html>
<https://metro.co.uk/2022/07/07/inside-brad-pitts-years-long-battle-with-face-blindness-16957863/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosopagnosia>

WARM-UPS

1. PEOPLE'S FACES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about people's faces. 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?

Hollywood / heart-throb / facial blindness / faces / blank / ailment / anxiety / reluctant officially / worried / aloof / hate / strategies / lack / recall / acquaintances / awareness

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

3. FAMOUS PEOPLE: Students A **strongly** believe famous people should speak about their health problems more to raise awareness; Students B **strongly** believe that isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FORGETTING: How often do you forget these things? Why? What can you do to help you remember? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Often?	Why?	What You Do?
Names			
Birthdays			
Appointments			
Homework			
English words			
Passwords			

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

6. WORST THINGS TO FORGET: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- People's names
- Where you put your phone
- English words
- Appointments
- Homework
- Birthdays
- What day it is
- Passwords

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. heart-throb | a. An illness that disrupts normal physical or mental functions. |
| 2. neurological | b. A man, usually a celebrity, whose good looks excite romantic feelings in other people. |
| 3. disorder | c. Fail to think of something. |
| 4. draw a blank | d. Caused pain or trouble to; affect adversely. |
| 5. afflict | e. Relating to the anatomy, functions, and disorders of the brain, nerves and the nervous system. |
| 6. withdrawn | f. Unwilling and hesitant. |
| 7. reluctant | g. Not wanting to communicate with other people. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. diagnosed | h. Not friendly; cold and distant. |
| 9. aloof | i. Angry because you think someone insulted you. |
| 10. self-absorbed | j. Found out the nature of an illness or other problem by examining the symptoms. |
| 11. acquaintances | k. Only thinking about one's own feelings , interests, or situation. |
| 12. offended | l. Really, really absorbed in oneself; very self-centred. |
| 13. egotistical | m. People you know slightly, but who are not close friends. |
| 14. conceited | n. Excessively proud of oneself; vain. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

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

1. Brad Pitt has revealed he's going blind. **T / F**
2. People with facial blindness find it difficult to draw. **T / F**
3. About one in forty people suffer from facial blindness. **T / F**
4. People who have facial blindness never leave their house. **T / F**
5. Brad Pitt was diagnosed with facial blindness last week. **T / F**
6. Brad Pitt worries that people think he's being aloof. **T / F**
7. Brad Pitt has tried many things to put names to faces. **T / F**
8. Brad Pitt hopes that he can raise awareness of prosopagnosia. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. revealed | a. unfriendly |
| 2. disorder | b. apprehension |
| 3. anxiety | c. upset |
| 4. struggle | d. disclosed |
| 5. reluctant | e. approaches |
| 6. aloof | f. contacts |
| 7. strategies | g. hesitant |
| 8. acquaintances | h. disease |
| 9. offended | i. consciousness |
| 10. awareness | j. stumble |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is a neurological | a. was being aloof |
| 2. sufferers can draw a | b. to leave their home |
| 3. It often triggers | c. of it |
| 4. Sufferers tend to | d. officially diagnosed |
| 5. they will be reluctant | e. disorder |
| 6. Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been | f. acquaintances |
| 7. people thought he | g. avoid situations |
| 8. He asked | h. worse |
| 9. that made the situation | i. anxiety |
| 10. raise awareness | j. blank |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has (1) _____ he suffers from facial blindness. This is a neurological disorder that causes people to find it difficult to (2) _____ people's faces. In more serious cases, sufferers can draw a (3) _____ when seeing the face of a family member or even one's own face. The (4) _____ is called prosopagnosia. It is a little-known ailment that afflicts about 1 in 40 people. It often (5) _____ anxiety as people feel embarrassed in social situations when they (6) _____ to remember who people are. Sufferers tend to avoid (7) _____ in which they will meet people, and as a result become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they will be (8) _____ to leave their home.

triggers
revealed
reluctant
blank
situations
condition
recognize
struggle

Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been (9) _____ diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He first spoke about it in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not (10) _____ their name. He worried that people thought he was being "(11) _____, inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think I'm (12) _____ them." He said he has used many strategies to get around his (13) _____ of recall. He asked (14) _____ where he had met them before, but said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People were more offended....You get this thing, like, 'You're being (15) _____. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will (16) _____ awareness of it.

lack
recall
raise
officially
acquaintances
disrespecting
egotistical
aloof

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

- 1) Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has revealed he _____ blindness
 - a. suffer from facial
 - b. surfers from facial
 - c. suffers from facial
 - d. suffices from facial
- 2) In more serious cases, sufferers can _____
 - a. draw a plank
 - b. draw a blank
 - c. draw a black
 - d. draw a bloke
- 3) when seeing the face of a family member or even _____
 - a. one's sown face
 - b. one's sewn face
 - c. one's zone face
 - d. one's own face
- 4) It is a little-known ailment that afflicts about 1 in 40 people. It _____
 - a. often triggers anxious
 - b. often triggers and city
 - c. often trigger Zen city
 - d. often triggers anxiety
- 5) avoid situations in which they will meet people, and as a _____
 - a. result become withdrawn
 - b. results become withdrawn
 - c. result becomes withdrawn
 - d. results becomes withdrawn
- 6) He said nobody believed him when he could not _____
 - a. decal their name
 - b. reek call their name
 - c. rake call their name
 - d. recall their name
- 7) He worried that people thought he was being aloof, inaccessible _____
 - a. and self-absorbent
 - b. and self-absorb
 - c. and self-absorbed
 - d. and self-absolved
- 8) He said he has used many strategies to get around his _____
 - a. lack off recall
 - b. lack of recall
 - c. slack of recall
 - d. luck of recall
- 9) asked acquaintances where he had met them before, but said that made _____
 - a. the situate shun worse
 - b. the situ action worse
 - c. the situ way shun worse
 - d. the situation worse
- 10) You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. _____'
 - a. You're being conceit it
 - b. You're being conceited
 - c. You're being con seated
 - d. You're been conceited

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has (1) _____ from facial blindness. This is a neurological disorder that causes people to find it difficult to recognize people's faces. In more serious cases, (2) _____ a blank when seeing the face of a family member or even one's own face. The condition is called prosopagnosia. It is a little-known (3) _____ about 1 in 40 people. It often triggers anxiety as people feel embarrassed in social situations when (4) _____ remember who people are. Sufferers tend to avoid situations in which they will meet people, and as a result become withdrawn. (5) _____, they will be (6) _____ their home.

Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been (7) _____ prosopagnosia. He first spoke about it in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not (8) _____. He worried that people thought he was being "aloof, inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think (9) _____." He said he has used many strategies to get around his (10) _____. He asked acquaintances where he had met them before, but said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People (11) _____....You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will (12) _____ it.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

1. What does the article describe Brad Pitt as being?
2. What can sufferers draw if they have facial blindness?
3. How many people have facial blindness?
4. What can facial blindness trigger?
5. What are some sufferers reluctant to leave?
6. When did Brad Pitt first talk about facial blindness?
7. What did Brad Pitt use to get around his lack of recall?
8. Who did Brad Pitt ask where they had met before?
9. How did people feel when Brad Pitt could not remember their name?
10. What does Brad Pitt hope to do by speaking about facial awareness?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

- 1) What does the article describe Brad Pitt as being?
 - a) a trendsetter
 - b) a Hollywood heart-throb
 - c) Hollywood's best actor
 - d) a superstar
- 2) What can sufferers draw if they have facial blindness?
 - a) silhouettes
 - b) faces
 - c) hair
 - d) a blank
- 3) How many people have facial blindness?
 - a) 1 in 80
 - b) 1 in 60
 - c) 1 in 40
 - d) 1 in 50
- 4) What can facial blindness trigger?
 - a) anxiety
 - b) forgetfulness
 - c) loneliness
 - d) thought
- 5) What are some sufferers reluctant to leave?
 - a) their names
 - b) their home
 - c) their identity
 - d) their glasses
- 6) When did Brad Pitt first talk about facial blindness?
 - a) in 2013
 - b) in 2018
 - c) in 2020
 - d) 2021
- 7) What did Brad Pitt use to get around his lack of recall?
 - a) his smartphone
 - b) an app
 - c) many strategies
 - d) an address book
- 8) Who did Brad Pitt ask where they had met before?
 - a) acquaintances
 - b) the USA President
 - c) his wife
 - d) his best friend
- 9) How did people feel when Brad Pitt could not remember their name?
 - a) sad
 - b) sympathetic
 - c) shocked
 - d) offended
- 10) What does Brad Pitt hope to do by speaking about facial awareness?
 - a) overcome the condition
 - b) keep his friends
 - c) raise awareness
 - d) get more friends

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Role A – People's Names

You think people's names are the worst things to forget. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): passwords, where you put your phone or English words.

Role B – Passwords

You think passwords are the worst things to forget. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): people's names, where you put your phone or English words.

Role C – Where You Put Your Phone

You think where you put your phone is the worst thing to forget. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): passwords, people's names or English words.

Role D – English Words

You think English words are the worst things to forget. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): passwords, where you put your phone or people's names.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

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

face	blindness
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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">• heart-throb• blank• own• little• struggle• leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• officially• first• hate• lack• offended• raise
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PEOPLE'S FACES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Write five GOOD questions about people's faces 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.

PEOPLE'S FACES 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 'face'?
3. What do you know about Brad Pitt?
4. What do you know about facial blindness?
5. Are you good at remembering people's faces?
6. Are you good at remembering facts?
7. When was the last time you forgot someone's name?
8. Do you ever feel embarrassed in social situations?
9. Do you ever avoid social situations?
10. What advice do you have for Brad Pitt?

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PEOPLE'S FACES 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 'blindness'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about Brad Pitt?
15. Do you ever draw a blank?
16. What do you do if you forget someone's name?
17. How do you feel if someone forgets your name?
18. Has anyone accused you of being aloof or egotistical?
19. How can we raise awareness of facial blindness?
20. What questions would you like to ask Brad Pitt?

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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Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been officially (7) _____ with prosopagnosia. He first spoke about it in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name. He worried that people thought he was being "(8) _____, inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think I'm disrespecting them." He said he has used many strategies to get around his (9) _____ of recall. He asked acquaintances where he had met them before, but said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People were more (10) _____....You get this thing, like, 'You're being (11) _____. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will (12) _____ awareness of it.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) levered | (b) levelled | (c) revelled | (d) revealed |
| 2. | (a) search | (b) uncover | (c) discover | (d) find |
| 3. | (a) blink | (b) blank | (c) bloke | (d) black |
| 4. | (a) condiment | (b) compliment | (c) ailment | (d) complement |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) In | (b) On | (c) At | (d) To |
| 7. | (a) supposed | (b) diagnosed | (c) reposed | (d) imposed |
| 8. | (a) aloof | (b) loafer | (c) a laugh | (d) affable |
| 9. | (a) slack | (b) lack | (c) alas | (d) last |
| 10. | (a) offence | (b) offensive | (c) offended | (d) upended |
| 11. | (a) ego | (b) ergo | (c) egotistical | (d) egalitarian |
| 12. | (a) riser | (b) rise | (c) arise | (d) raise |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Hollywood hetra-rboth Brad Pitt
2. This is a iucllnrgaooe disorder
3. errsfesuf can draw a blank
4. It is a little-known ainemtl
5. that tliaffcs about 1 in 40 people
6. they will be tturealcn to leave

Paragraph 2

7. he has not been officially diagnosed
8. being aloof, inaccessible and self-absorbed
9. He asked acquaintances
10. People were more eefdfdon
11. You're being asoetcltgii
12. You're being enedcctoi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has revealed he suffers from facial blindness. This is a neurological
- () conceited." He hopes speaking about facial blindness will raise awareness of it.
- () blank when seeing the face of a family member or even one's own face. The condition is called
- () become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they will be reluctant to leave their home.
- () are. Sufferers tend to avoid situations in which they will meet people, and as a result
- () in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name. He worried that people thought he was being "aloof,
- () strategies to get around his lack of recall. He asked acquaintances where he had met them
- () as people feel embarrassed in social situations when they struggle to remember who people
- () before, but said that made the situation worse. He explained: "People were more
- () inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate me because they think I'm disrespecting them." He said he has used many
- () Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not been officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He first spoke about it
- () prosopagnosia. It is a little-known ailment that afflicts about 1 in 40 people. It often triggers anxiety
- () disorder that causes people to find it difficult to recognize people's faces. In more serious cases, sufferers can draw a
- () offended....You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. You're being

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

1. people's find difficult to They it recognize faces .
2. face . when seeing blank Sufferers draw the a
3. often people triggers embarrassed . It as anxiety feel
4. people . they'll They avoid situations meet in which
5. to They leave be will their reluctant home .
6. been officially with He prosopagnosia . has diagnosed not
7. was people being aloof . thought worried He he
8. to Strategies around of lack his recall . get
9. them . he met He asked acquaintances where had
10. Speaking raises blindness of about awareness it . facial

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

Hollywood heart-throb Brad Pitt has *revelled* / *revealed* he suffers from facial blindness. This is a neurological *disorder* / *disorderly* that causes people to find it difficult to recognize people's faces. In more serious *causes* / *cases*, sufferers can *sketch* / *draw* a blank when seeing the face of a family member or *ever* / *even* one's own face. The condition is called prosopagnosia. It is a little-known *ointment* / *ailment* that afflicts about 1 in 40 people. It often triggers anxiety *as* / *has* people feel embarrassed in social situations when they struggle *for* / *to* remember who people are. Sufferers tend *to* / *on* avoid situations in which they will meet people, and as a result become withdrawn. In extreme cases, they will *be* / *have* reluctant to leave their home.

Brad Pitt, 58, says he has not *been* / *done* officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia. He first spoke about *it* / *them* in 2013. He said nobody believed him when he could not *retell* / *recall* their name. He worried that people thought he was being "aloof, inaccessible and self-absorbed". He said: "People hate *him* / *me* because they think I'm disrespecting *them* / *him*." He said he has used many strategies to get *around* / *up* his lack of recall. He asked acquaintances where he had met them *previous* / *before*, but said that made *the* / *a* situation worse. He explained: "People were more *defended* / *offended*....You get this thing, like, 'You're being egotistical. You're being conceited.'" He hopes speaking about facial blindness will raise awareness *of* / *on* it.

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_llyw__d h__rt-thr_b Br_d P_tt h_s r_v__l_d h_s
s_ff_rs fr_m f_c__l bl_ndn_ss. Th_s _s _ n__r_l_g_c_l
d_s_rdr th_t c__s_s p__pl_ t_ f_nd _t d_ff_c_l_t t_
r_c_gn_z_ p__pl_'s f_c_s. _n m_r_ s_r__s c_s_s,
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r. S_ff_r_rs t_nd t_ _v__d s_t__t__ns _n wh_ch th_y
w_ll m__t p__pl_, _nd _s _ r_s_l_t b_c_m_ w_thdr_wn.
_n _xtr_m_ c_s_s, th_y w_ll b_ r_l_ct_nt t_ l__v_
th__r h_m_.

Br_d P_tt, 58, s_ys h_ h_s n_t b__n _ff_c__lly
d__gn_s_d w_th pr_s_p_gn_s__. H_ f_rst sp_k_ _b__t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220711-facial-blindness.html>

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brad pitt 58 says he has not been officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia he first spoke about it in 2013 he said nobody believed him when he could not recall their name he worried that people thought he was being aloof inaccessible and selfabsorbed he said people hate me because they think im disrespecting them he said he has used many strategies to get around his lack of recall he asked acquaintances where he had met them before but said that made the situation worse he explained people were more offendedyou get this thing like youre being egotistical youre being conceited he hopes speaking about facial blindness will raise awareness of it

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

3. PEOPLE'S FACES: Make a poster about people's faces. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FAMOUS PEOPLE: Write a magazine article about famous people talking more about their problems to raise awareness. 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 forgetting people's faces. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your ideas on what people with prosopagnosia can do. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A Hollywood heart-throb
2. A blank
3. One in forty
4. Anxiety
5. Their home
6. In 2013
7. Many strategies
8. Acquaintances
9. Offended
10. Raise awareness

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. They find it difficult to recognize people's faces.
2. Sufferers draw a blank when seeing the face.
3. It often triggers anxiety as people feel embarrassed.
4. They avoid situations in which they'll meet people.
5. They will be reluctant to leave their home.
6. He has not been officially diagnosed with prosopagnosia.
7. He worried people thought he was being aloof.
8. Strategies to get around his lack of recall.
9. He asked acquaintances where he had met them.
10. Speaking about facial blindness raises awareness of it.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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