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## Better than perfect eyesight has arrived

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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We usually talk about high definition for great quality TV pictures. Now we can have hi-tech eyes. This is a wonderful development. Many people will be rushing to get the new lenses. Of course, it's really good news for long-sighted and short-sighted people, and for those with poor or bad eyesight. One person who had the operation said he could not believe the change. British TV star Fred Batt said: "It is just like having new eyes." The cost of the operation in the U.K. is around £3,000, or just under \$5,000.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0912/091205-eyesight.html>

## Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. In the near                | a. sensitive silicone |
| 2. a thing of                 | b. they were young    |
| 3. an amazing new eye         | c. the past           |
| 4. fit a high-definition lens | d. future             |
| 5. made from a special light- | e. in our eyes        |
| 6. how it was when            | f. operation          |

### Paragraph 2

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. great quality TV | a. people             |
| 2. an amazing       | b. believe the change |
| 3. short-sighted    | c. development        |
| 4. poor or          | d. pictures           |
| 5. he could not     | e. \$5,000            |
| 6. just under       | f. bad eyesight       |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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We usually talk about high definition \_\_\_\_\_ TV pictures. Now we can \_\_\_\_\_. This is a wonderful development. Many people will be rushing to get the new lenses. Of course, it's really good news \_\_\_\_\_ and short-sighted people, and for those with poor \_\_\_\_\_. One person who had the operation said he \_\_\_\_\_ the change. British TV star Fred Batt said: "It is just like having new eyes." \_\_\_\_\_ operation in the U.K. is around £3,000, or just under \$5,000.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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In the near future, many of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ will not need glasses. Contact lenses will be a thing of the past. This is because of an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ new eye operation. Doctors can now fit a high-definition lens in our eyes. The lens will make our eyesight better than perfect. It is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from a special light-sensitive silicone. This is great news for us all. We will all have fantastic vision (4) \_\_\_\_\_ when we're old. Dr. Bobby Qureshi told reporters: "We have the potential here to change (5) \_\_\_\_\_ vision to how it was when they were young."

We usually talk about high definition for great (6) \_\_\_\_\_ TV pictures. Now we can have hi-tech eyes. This is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ development. Many people will be rushing to get the new lenses. Of course, it's really good news for long-sighted and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ -sighted people, and for those with poor or bad eyesight. One person who had the operation said he could not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the change. British TV star Fred Batt said: "It is just like having new eyes." The cost of the operation in the U.K. is around £3,000, or (10) \_\_\_\_\_ under \$5,000.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |               |              |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) us        | (b) them      | (c) we       |
| 2.  | (a) amazed    | (b) amazes    | (c) amazing  |
| 3.  | (a) done      | (b) been      | (c) made     |
| 4.  | (a) even      | (b) ever      | (c) never    |
| 5.  | (a) patient's | (b) patients' | (c) patients |
| 6.  | (a) quality   | (b) qualities | (c) qualify  |
| 7.  | (a) wondered  | (b) wonderful | (c) wonder   |
| 8.  | (a) small     | (b) brief     | (c) short    |
| 9.  | (a) belief    | (b) believes  | (c) believe  |
| 10. | (a) justice   | (b) just      | (c) justify  |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0912/091205-eyesight.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. In the near urufet
2. a gtnhi of the past
3. eye taoerpoin
4. This is aretg news
5. fittacsna vision
6. when they were uoygn

## Paragraph 2

7. TV scieuptr
8. people will be isunhgr
9. tosrh-sighted
10. poro or bad eyesight
11. just like iavhgn new eyes
12. oduarn £3,000

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0912/091205-eyesight.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) our eyes. The lens will make our eyesight better than perfect. It is made from a special light-sensitive
- ( ) told reporters: "We have the potential here to change patients' vision to how it was when they were young."
- ( ) bad eyesight. One person who had the operation said he could not believe the change. British TV star Fred Batt
- ( ) said: "It is just like having new eyes." The cost of the operation in the U.K. is around £3,000, or just under \$5,000.
- ( ) tech eyes. This is a wonderful development. Many people will be rushing to get the new lenses. Of
- ( ) course, it's really good news for long-sighted and short-sighted people, and for those with poor or
- ( ) We usually talk about high definition for great quality TV pictures. Now we can have hi-
- ( **1** ) In the near future, many of us will not need glasses. Contact lenses will be a thing of the
- ( ) past. This is because of an amazing new eye operation. Doctors can now fit a high-definition lens in
- ( ) silicone. This is great news for us all. We will all have fantastic vision even when we're old. Dr. Bobby Qureshi

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. glasses need not will us of Many.

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2. Contact be of will thing past lenses a the.

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3. lens eyes a high-definition our Fit in.

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4. Made from a silicone special light-sensitive.

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5. potential The vision patients' change to here.

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6. High pictures TV quality great for definition.

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7. get new to the lenses Rushing.

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8. for news Good people sighted - short and sighted - long.

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9. just is It eyes new having like.

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10. cost of the operation in the U.K. The.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 more information about eyesight. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about eyesight. Include imaginary interviews with two people – One can see, the other can't. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Dr. Bobby Qureshi. Ask him three questions about eyesight. Give him three of your opinions on how we can look after our eyes. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.