

## NEW EYE DROPS IMPROVE VISION WITHOUT GLASSES



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.

## CHAT

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## DISCUSSION

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?

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Whose
- Be/get in 40s



RANKING

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things for the eyes at the top.

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

Write your reasons to explain:

- 1- \_\_\_\_\_  
2- \_\_\_\_\_  
3- \_\_\_\_\_

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

"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."

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|-------------------|--|
| 1) at hand        | A. Relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation and sale. |
| 2) pharmaceutical | B. Unable to see or be seen clearly.                           |
| 3) treat          | C. A medicine that is given or recommended by doctors.         |
| 4) blurred        | D. Of a product, idea, etc. featuring new methods              |
| 5) innovative     | E. Officially agreed to or accepted as satisfactory.           |
| 6) prescription   | F. Close by.   |
| 7) approved       | G. Give medical care or attention to; try to heal or cure.     |

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



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| 1) sufferer   | A. A sheet of information in the form of a table, graph, or diagram.                  |
| 2) stated     | B. A part or number considered in comparative relation to a whole.                    |
| 3) clinical   | C. A thing that is achieved or acquired.  |
| 4) proportion | D. A person who is affected by an illness.  |
| 5) gain       | E. Clearly expressed or identified.   |
| 6) pupil      | F. The dark circular opening in the center of the eye.                                |
| 7) chart      | G. Relating to the observation and treatment of actual patients rather than theories. |

## WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

### STUDENT'S QUESTIONS



- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_

### ROLE PLAY

An American pharmaceutical company called Allergan has developed eye drops that can treat an eye condition called presbyopia.

You think reading in poor light is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

You think too much screen time is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

You think ageing is the worst thing for our eyes. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_



### WRITE WHAT YOU HEAR!

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Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words.

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**Eye**

**Drop**

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“The soul, fortunately, has an interpreter – often an unconscious but still a faithful interpreter – in the eye.”

- Charlotte Bronte

  
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## **WRITING**

Write about **Eye drops** for 10 minutes.

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