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Level 0

Blue most common eye colour in Britain

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is a map of the eye colour of British people. The most common colour is blue. Many years ago it was brown. Nearly half of people have blue eyes. Edinburgh is where most blue-eyed people live. The southwest of England has the fewest blue-eyed people. Scientists do not know the reason for this.

The number of blue-eyed people is getting bigger. People think blue is more beautiful. Blue-eyed people find partners more easily. It's like a peacock. A colourful peacock gets more mates. People like the light in blue eyes. Darker eyes have less light. A scientist said people like blue eyes because they used to be rare.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2738224/Is-rise-blue-eyes-attractive-Scientists-believe-colour-dominant-like-peacocks-tail.html#ixzz3Bwq8Kpa7>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There is | a. ago it was brown |
| 2. The most common | b. blue-eyed people live |
| 3. Many years | c. a map |
| 4. Nearly | d. not know |
| 5. Edinburgh is where most | e. of England |
| 6. The southwest | f. colour is blue |
| 7. Scientists do | g. for this |
| 8. the reason | h. half of people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The number | a. peacock |
| 2. getting | b. a peacock |
| 3. People think blue | c. partners more easily |
| 4. Blue-eyed people find | d. bigger |
| 5. It's like | e. less light |
| 6. A colourful | f. of blue-eyed people |
| 7. Darker eyes have | g. to be rare |
| 8. they used | h. is more beautiful |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ colour of British people. The most (2) _____ blue. Many years ago it was brown. (3) _____ people have blue eyes. Edinburgh (4) _____ blue-eyed people live. The southwest of England (5) _____ blue-eyed people. Scientists do not know (6) _____.

The number of blue-eyed people (7) _____.

People think blue (8) _____. Blue-eyed people find partners more easily. It's (9) _____. A colourful peacock (10) _____. People like the light in blue eyes. Darker (11) _____ light. A scientist said people like blue eyes because they (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **blue eyes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
