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Blue most common eye colour in Britain

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THE READING

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Scientists have mapped the eye colour of people in Britain. The most common colour is blue. Thousands of years ago it was brown. Nearly half of people have blue eyes, 30 per cent have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. Edinburgh is where most blue-eyed people live. Over half of people around Edinburgh have blue eyes. England's southwest has the fewest blue-eyed people. Scientists do not know why places in Britain have more blue-eyed people.

The research said the number of blue-eyed people is increasing. People think they are more attractive. Blue-eyed people are more successful at finding a partner. A researcher said having blue eyes is like a peacock. A colourful peacock gets more mates. People are attracted to the light sparkling in blue eyes. Darker eyes sparkle less. A scientist said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe because they used to be so 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. the eye colour of | a. colour is blue |
| 2. The most common | b. people live |
| 3. Thousands of years | c. southwest |
| 4. Nearly half of people | d. people in Britain |
| 5. where most blue-eyed | e. have blue eyes |
| 6. Over half of people around | f. not know why |
| 7. England's | g. ago |
| 8. Scientists do | h. Edinburgh |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the number of blue-eyed people | a. a partner |
| 2. People think they | b. gets more mates |
| 3. Blue-eyed people are | c. are more attractive |
| 4. finding | d. be so rare |
| 5. A colourful peacock | e. sparkling in blue eyes |
| 6. attracted to the light | f. is increasing |
| 7. Darker eyes sparkle | g. more successful |
| 8. they used to | h. less |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ colour of people in Britain. The (2) _____ is blue. Thousands of years ago it was brown. Nearly (3) _____ blue eyes, 30 per cent have green eyes and 22 per cent have brown. Edinburgh is where most blue-eyed people live. Over (4) _____ Edinburgh have blue eyes. England's southwest (5) _____ blue-eyed people. Scientists do not (6) _____ Britain have more blue-eyed people.

The research (7) _____ blue-eyed people is increasing. People think they (8) _____. Blue-eyed people are (9) _____ finding a partner. A researcher said having blue eyes is like a peacock. A colourful peacock gets more mates. People (10) _____ the light sparkling in blue eyes. Darker (11) _____. A scientist said: "There is something attractive about blue eyes, maybe 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
