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## **Level 3**

### **Bald men are more attractive and confident**

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# THE ARTICLE

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According to new research, men who are bald or going bald should not worry about their looks. Many bald men get stressed and depressed about losing their hair. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that both women and men find bald men more attractive. The research also showed that people thought bald men were more confident and taller. Researchers asked male and female students to rate photos of men. They had to judge each picture based on three categories. They had to rate attractiveness, confidence and dominance. Bald men came top in every category. The study said: "[Bald] men were viewed as nearly an inch taller and 13 per cent stronger."

The researchers said bald men could do better at work and in society because they have no hair. The study said they could be more successful in negotiations because they look stronger. However, the study had some bad news for bald men. It found a bald or shaved head makes a man look about four years older than he is. The American Hair Loss Association estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald by the age of 50. The study might mean men don't have to spend billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or cure hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to be bald. Researchers said: "Men might improve their well-being by finishing what Mother Nature has started."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. HAIR LOSS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hair loss. 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?

research / worry / looks / depressed / attractive / confident / photos / judge / top / society / successful / negotiations / study / estimates / billions / hair loss / improve

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

**3. BALD:** Students A **strongly** believe bald is best; Students B **strongly** believe having hair is best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. HAIR:** What is the best thing to do about the following? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Is this a problem?	What can we do about it?
Baldness		
Split ends		
Greasy hair		
Dandruff		
Grey hair		
Dry hair		

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

**6. BALDNESS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest advantages of being bald at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- attractiveness
- convenience
- cool in summer
- it's cheaper
- no 'bad hair days'
- it saves time
- hair is dirty
- other \_\_\_\_\_

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

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

- a. The article says bald men should worry about their looks. **T / F**
- b. The article said bald men don't get stressed about hair any more. **T / F**
- c. Students voted bald men in photos as being more dominant. **T / F**
- d. A study showed that bald men look smaller than those with hair. **T / F**
- e. Researchers said bald men are better in negotiations. **T / F**
- f. Around 85% of men will be bald or balding by the time they are 50. **T / F**
- g. The article says men have to spend billions of dollars a year on hair. **T / F**
- h. The article said men shouldn't let what Mother Nature started. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>worry</b>        | a. remedy       |
| 2. <b>looks</b>        | b. assess       |
| 3. <b>attractive</b>   | c. seen         |
| 4. <b>rate</b>         | d. talks        |
| 5. <b>viewed</b>       | e. appearance   |
| 6. <b>negotiations</b> | f. stop         |
| 7. <b>estimates</b>    | g. be concerned |
| 8. <b>prevent</b>      | h. health       |
| 9. <b>cure</b>         | i. guesses      |
| 10. <b>well-being</b>  | j. good-looking |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. should not worry                           | a. to rate photos of men    |
| 2. get stressed and depressed                 | b. older than he is         |
| 3. both women and men find                    | c. about losing their hair  |
| 4. Researchers asked male and female students | d. hair loss                |
| 5. Bald men came                              | e. Nature                   |
| 6. a bald or shaved                           | f. about their looks        |
| 7. makes a man look about four years          | g. head                     |
| 8. don't have to spend billions               | h. top in every category    |
| 9. trying to prevent or cure                  | i. bald men more attractive |
| 10. Mother                                    | j. of dollars every year    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

According to new research, men who are bald or going bald should not worry about their (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Many bald men get stressed and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about losing their hair. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that both women and men find bald men more (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The research also showed that people thought bald men were more confident and (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers asked male and female students to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ photos of men. They had to judge each picture (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on three categories. They had to rate attractiveness, confidence and (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Bald men came top in every category. The study said: "[Bald] men were viewed as (8) \_\_\_\_\_ an inch taller and 13 per cent stronger."

*rate*  
*attractive*  
*nearly*  
*looks*  
*based*  
*depressed*  
*dominance*  
*taller*

The researchers said bald men could do (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at work and in society because they have no hair. The study said they could be more successful in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because they look stronger. However, the study had some bad (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for bald men. It found a bald or (12) \_\_\_\_\_ head makes a man look about four years older than he is. The American Hair Loss Association (13) \_\_\_\_\_ that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald by the age of 50. The study might mean men don't have to spend (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of dollars every year trying to prevent or (15) \_\_\_\_\_ hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to be bald. Researchers said: "Men might (16) \_\_\_\_\_ their well-being by finishing what Mother Nature has started."

*shaved*  
*billions*  
*negotiations*  
*improve*  
*news*  
*cure*  
*better*  
*estimates*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

- 1) According to new research, men who are bald or going bald should not worry \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about them looks
  - b. about their locks
  - c. about their looks
  - d. about their rooks
- 2) The research also showed that people thought bald men were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more confidence
  - b. more confidante
  - c. more confidently
  - d. more confident
- 3) They had to judge each picture \_\_\_\_\_ categories
  - a. based on three
  - b. based in three
  - c. based one three
  - d. based off three
- 4) rate attractiveness, confidence and dominance. Bald men came top \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a very category
  - b. in every category
  - c. in ever category
  - d. whenever category
- 5) Bald men were viewed as nearly an inch taller and 13 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. per cent stronger
  - b. per cent strong
  - c. per cent strongest
  - d. per cent strongly
- 6) The researchers said bald men could do better at work \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and on society
  - b. and to society
  - c. and in society
  - d. and by society
- 7) The study said they could be more successful in negotiations because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. those look stronger
  - b. these look stronger
  - c. them look stronger
  - d. they look stronger
- 8) a bald or shaved head makes a man look about four years \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. older that she is
  - b. older than he is
  - c. older that he is
  - d. older that he was
- 9) estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by the ages of 50
  - b. by the age of 50
  - c. by the aged of 50
  - d. by the aging of 50
- 10) men don't have to spend billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cure hair loss
  - b. care hair loss
  - c. core hair loss
  - d. cue hair loss

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

According to new research, men (1) \_\_\_\_\_ going bald should not worry about their looks. Many bald men get stressed and depressed about (2) \_\_\_\_\_. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that both women and men find bald men (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The research also showed that people thought bald men were more confident and taller. Researchers asked male and female students (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of men. They had to judge each picture based on three categories. They had to (5) \_\_\_\_\_, confidence and dominance. Bald men came top in every category. The study said: "[Bald] men were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ an inch taller and 13 per cent stronger."

The researchers said bald men could (7) \_\_\_\_\_ work and in society because they have no hair. The study said they could be more successful (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because they look stronger. However, the study had some bad news for bald men. It found (9) \_\_\_\_\_ head makes a man look about four years older than he is. The American Hair Loss Association estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The study might mean men don't have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of dollars every year trying to prevent or cure hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to be bald. Researchers said: "Men might improve their well-being by finishing what (12) \_\_\_\_\_ has started."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

1. What did the article say bald men should not worry about?
2. What do bald men get stressed and depressed about?
3. Who thought bald men were more attractive?
4. How many categories did people have to rate?
5. How much stronger were bald men viewed as being?
6. What did the research say bald men are more successful in?
7. How much older does being bald make a man look?
8. What percentage of men are bald or balding by the age of 50?
9. What do men spend billions of dollars trying to cure?
10. What or who did the article say started the process of balding?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

- 1) What did the article say bald men should not worry about?
  - a) dandruff
  - b) shampoo
  - c) looks
  - d) the price of a hair cut
- 2) What do bald men get stressed and depressed about?
  - a) losing their hair
  - b) sunburn
  - c) hats
  - d) men with hair
- 3) Who thought bald men were more attractive?
  - a) older women
  - b) male and female students
  - c) younger men
  - d) bald women
- 4) How many categories did people have to rate?
  - a) 6
  - b) 5
  - c) 4
  - d) 3
- 5) How much stronger were bald men viewed as being?
  - a) 85%
  - b) 58%
  - c) 13%
  - d) 50%
- 6) What did the research say bald men are more successful in?
  - a) England
  - b) negotiations
  - c) swimming pools
  - d) love
- 7) How much older does being bald make a man look?
  - a) 2 years
  - b) 5 years
  - c) 3 years
  - d) 4 years
- 8) What percentage of men are bald or balding by the age of 50?
  - a) 58%
  - b) 85%
  - c) 50%
  - d) 13%
- 9) What do men spend billions of dollars trying to cure?
  - a) depression
  - b) hair loss
  - c) life's problems
  - d) disease
- 10) What or who did the article say started the process of balding?
  - a) Mother Nature
  - b) DNA
  - c) global warming
  - d) bad shampoo

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Convenience**

You think convenience is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, having no bad-hair days or cheapness.

## **Role B – Cool in Summer**

You think being cool in summer is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): convenience, having no bad-hair days or cheapness.

## **Role C – No Bad-Hair Days**

You think having no bad-hair days is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, convenience or cheapness.

## **Role D – Cheapness**

You think cheapness is the biggest advantage of being bald. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): being cool in summer, having no bad-hair days or convenience.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

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

<b>hair</b>	<b>loss</b>
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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"><li>• worry</li><li>• both</li><li>• showed</li><li>• students</li><li>• rate</li><li>• nearly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• society</li><li>• look</li><li>• bad</li><li>• 50</li><li>• cure</li><li>• improve</li></ul>
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# HAIR LOSS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hair loss 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.

# HAIR LOSS 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 'bald'?
3. How important is hair?
4. Why do people go bald?
5. What do you think of bald men?
6. What do you think of bald women?
7. Why might people think bald men are more confident?
8. Why might people think bald men are taller?
9. What are the good things about being bald?
10. What do you think of your hair

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# HAIR LOSS 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 'hair'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you shave your head?
15. Would you prefer your partner to be bald?
16. What are the bad things about being bald
17. What is the best hairstyle for you?
18. Is hair a waste of money?
19. What is hair for?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

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

- |     |                |               |                |                 |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) go         | (b) going     | (c) goes       | (d) gone        |
| 2.  | (a) loses      | (b) losing    | (c) lose       | (d) lost        |
| 3.  | (a) discover   | (b) seek      | (c) search     | (d) find        |
| 4.  | (a) confidante | (b) confident | (c) confidence | (d) confidently |
| 5.  | (a) entire     | (b) all       | (c) whole      | (d) each        |
| 6.  | (a) is         | (b) was       | (c) as         | (d) has         |
| 7.  | (a) at         | (b) of        | (c) by         | (d) to          |
| 8.  | (a) badly      | (b) badge     | (c) bad        | (d) bade        |
| 9.  | (a) lakes      | (b) takes     | (c) fakes      | (d) makes       |
| 10. | (a) age        | (b) old       | (c) young      | (d) years       |
| 11. | (a) cure       | (b) pure      | (c) sure       | (d) lure        |
| 12. | (a) Mother     | (b) Auntie    | (c) Father     | (d) Brother     |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. ciagncdro to new research
2. bald men get stressed and dsersepde
3. They had to ejdgu each picture
4. attractiveness, confidence and amcnoined
5. Bald men came top in every oragteyc
6. men were wdveie as nearly an inch taller

## Paragraph 2

7. do better at work and in oyecsit
8. be more successful in ntgooenisiat
9. a bald or hadsev head
10. esamtsiet that 85 per cent of men
11. trying to nrepetv or cure hair loss
12. finishing what Mother uetrNa has started



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) According to new research, men who are bald or going bald should not worry about their looks. Many bald men get
- ( ) shows that both women and men find bald men more attractive. The research also showed that people thought bald
- ( ) photos of men. They had to judge each picture based on three categories. They had to rate attractiveness,
- ( ) confidence and dominance. Bald men came top in every category. The study said:
- ( ) stressed and depressed about losing their hair. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania
- ( ) makes a man look about four years older than he is. The American Hair Loss Association estimates that 85 per cent
- ( ) men were more confident and taller. Researchers asked male and female students to rate
- ( ) be bald. Researchers said: "Men might improve their well-being by finishing what Mother Nature has started."
- ( ) hair. The study said they could be more successful in negotiations because they look
- ( ) of men will be bald or going bald by the age of 50. The study might mean men don't have to spend
- ( ) stronger. However, the study had some bad news for bald men. It found a bald or shaved head
- ( ) The researchers said bald men could do better at work and in society because they have no
- ( ) billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or cure hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to
- ( ) "[Bald] men were viewed as nearly an inch taller and 13 per cent stronger."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

1. should about Men bald worry looks are not their who .
2. Women attractive more men bald find men and .
3. had each on They judge based categories to picture three .
4. category top Bald in men every came .
5. viewed taller as Bald nearly men an were inch .
6. bald at men work could Researchers do said better .
7. said be in study could successful The they more negotiations .
8. older A bald head makes a man look about four years .
9. to of year have billions every don't spend dollars Men .
10. Mother has By what Nature started finishing .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

According to new research, men who are bald or *gone / going* bald should not worry about their looks. Many bald men get stressed and *depressing / depressed* about losing their hair. However, research from the University of Pennsylvania shows that both women and men *search / find* bald men more attractive. The research also *showing / showed* that people thought bald men were more *confident / confidence* and taller. Researchers asked male and female students to *rate / rare* photos of men. They had to *judgment / judge* each picture based on three *categorise / categories*. They had to rate attractiveness, confidence and dominance. Bald men came *top / topping* in every category. The study said: "[Bald] men were viewed as nearly an inch taller and 13 per cent *stronger / strength*."

The researchers said bald men could *doing / do* better at work and in society because they have *no / not* hair. The study said they could be more successful *on / in* negotiations because they look stronger. However, the study had some *badly / bad* news for bald men. It found a bald or shaved head makes a man look about four years older *than / that* he is. The American Hair Loss Association estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald *in / by* the age of 50. The study might mean men don't have to spend billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or *care / cure* hair loss. Instead, they should be happy to *be / being* bald. Researchers said: "Men might improve their well-being by finishing what *Father / Mother* Nature has *started / stated*."

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1709/170919-hair-loss.html>

\_cc\_r\_d\_n\_g t\_n\_w\_r\_s\_\_rch, m\_n wh\_\_r\_b\_ld\_r g\_\_ng  
b\_ld sh\_\_ld n\_t w\_rry \_b\_\_t th\_\_r l\_\_ks. M\_ny b\_ld  
m\_n g\_t str\_ss\_d \_nd d\_pr\_ss\_d \_b\_\_t l\_s\_ng th\_\_r  
h\_\_r. H\_w\_v\_r, r\_s\_\_rch fr\_m th\_\_ \_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_f  
P\_nnsylv\_n\_\_ sh\_ws th\_t b\_th w\_m\_n \_nd m\_n f\_nd  
b\_ld m\_n m\_r\_\_ttr\_ct\_v\_. Th\_\_r\_s\_\_rch \_ls\_ sh\_w\_d  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the researchers said bald men could do better at work and in society because they have no hair the study said they could be more successful in negotiations because they look stronger however the study had some bad news for bald men it found a bald or shaved head makes a man look about four years older than he is the american hair loss association estimates that 85 per cent of men will be bald or going bald by the age of 50 the study might mean men don't have to spend billions of dollars every year trying to prevent or cure hair loss instead they should be happy to be bald researchers said "men might improve their well-being by finishing what mother nature has started"

# 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 hair loss. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HAIR LOSS:** Make a poster about hair loss. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BALD IS BEST:** Write a magazine article about being bald being better. 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 hair loss. Ask him/her three questions about it. Tell him/her three good things and three bad things about being bald. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. worry        | a. be concerned |
| 2. looks        | b. appearance   |
| 3. attractive   | c. good-looking |
| 4. rate         | d. assess       |
| 5. viewed       | e. seen         |
| 6. negotiations | f. talks        |
| 7. estimates    | g. guesses      |
| 8. prevent      | h. stop         |
| 9. cure         | i. remedy       |
| 10. well-being  | j. health       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Their looks
2. Losing their hair
3. Male and female students
4. Three
5. 13 per cent stronger
6. Negotiations
7. 4 years older
8. 85%
9. Hair loss
10. Mother Nature

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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