

Coloured contact lenses



Let's Think

1. Have you ever worn contact lenses? How often do you wear them?
2. What do you think about people wearing coloured contact lenses?

You are Sophia. You are reading an article about coloured contact lenses in a newsletter.

Hidden Dangers[™] of Coloured Contact Lenses



Wearing coloured contact lenses is seen as a fashion statement^① for many youngsters. When they attend parties or go shopping with friends, they like to put on coloured contact lenses to look chic^②. A similar type of lenses called circle contact lenses, usually black or brown, is even worn daily by some young people to make their eyes look larger than they naturally are.

⑤ However, there are some health risks^③ that come with wearing coloured contact lenses. Young people like to buy coloured contact lenses from Japanese-style 'cabinet' stores or from the Internet. Very often, those
⑩ contact lenses are only produced in one size that does not fit the curvature of everyone's eyeballs. In that way, poorly-fitting contact lens would cause discomfort^④ or prevent our eyes from getting the oxygen needed. Some
⑮ companies use poor-quality dyes when

making coloured contact lenses, which may cause greater harm^⑤ to the eyes.

Studies show that a number of people share used contact lenses with others, or forget to take their lenses out before sleeping. ⑮
As a result^⑥, they put themselves at risk of contracting an eye infection^⑦. Professionals^⑧ point out^⑨ that some people do not know the proper way of handling^⑩ the lenses. Therefore, we should always ask a registered optician ③①
for advice before dragging the coloured lenses to our shopping cart^⑪. (216 words)



Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the article. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

- Which of the following is a hidden danger of coloured contact lenses?
 - They may colour our eyeballs.
 - They are not easy to handle.
 - They block oxygen from reaching our eyes.
 - They do not fit all eyes.
- According to paragraph 2, the coloured contact lenses which we can buy from the Internet may be _____.
 - of low quality
 - of the wrong colour
 - cheaper than those sold in physical stores
 - too colourful
- In lines 25-26, 'As a result' can best be replaced by '_____'.
 - Consequently
 - However
 - Furthermore
 - Contrarily
- According to the article, we can know more about the proper way of handling contact lenses from _____.
 - contact lens users
 - opticians
 - optical companies
 - the Internet
- What is the purpose of the article?
 - to introduce to readers what coloured contact lenses are
 - to discourage readers from wearing coloured contact lenses
 - to prove coloured contact lenses do more harm than good
 - to remind readers about the risks brought by coloured contact lenses

Grammar Corner

We use the **connectives** 'therefore', 'as a result' and 'in that way' to talk about the results of something.

e.g. *Studies show that a number of people share used contact lenses with others, or forget to take their lenses out before sleeping. As a result, they put themselves at risk of contracting an eye infection.*
(Lines 23-27)

Eliminate the connectives which are not used for showing a result.

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the article. Write your answers in the spaces provided

1. Why do young people like wearing coloured contact lenses?

2. Find a word in the article which has similar meaning as 'danger'.

3. What are the two bad habits of contact lens users?

(a) _____

(b) _____

4. Who should read the article?



5. Match each of the following sentences to its most relevant paragraph in the article. Write the paragraph numbers (1-3) next to the sentences.

(a) 'One-size-fits-all' is a terrible idea in this case.

(b) Coloured contacts are available in different colours to match dyed hair.

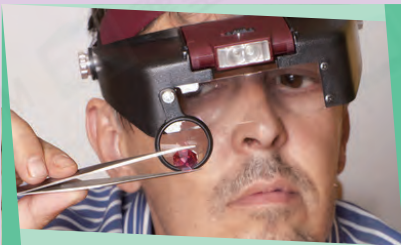
(c) People may get conjunctivitis (better known as 'pink eye') if they do not observe the proper way of handling contact lenses.

Grasp the main idea of each paragraph. Then look for relevant keywords in the sentences.

Vocabulary Bank

The following are optical instruments. Match them with the correct pictures. One of the words is not used.

binoculars blu-ray 3D glasses jeweller's loupe magnifier
microscope reading glasses safety goggles telescope projector



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Let's Discuss

1. Some people follow trends to change their looks, such as wearing coloured contact lens and false eyelashes, bleaching hair, and going on a strict diet to look skinny, etc. What do you think about it?
2. Have you ever referred to the Consumer Council's product test reports for product quality reviews and comparisons?