

Part 2 Changing Faces

Movie English

Before Reading

Discuss this question.

If you could change one thing about your looks, what would it be? Why?
..... eyes nose ears other:

Fluency Strategy: Previewing and Predicting

Previewing means looking at the text title and images (photos, graphs, etc.) *before* you start reading. After previewing, you should try to predict what the text will be about. Previewing and predicting before you start reading can help you improve your understanding of the text when you read.


A. Look at the title and photo to predict the text topic. What do you think this article will be about? Circle the best answer.

1. A new makeup fashion trend.
2. A trend in plastic surgery.
3. A trend in health.

B. Read the whole text quickly. Record your reading time below and on the chart on page 193.

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Changing Faces

	Start: _____
	Finish: _____
	Reading Time: _____

1 Aiko Maekawa, age 24, once thought of herself as just a shy, plain office worker. Then one day she made a discovery which changed everything. When she used glue to hold up her eyelids, men took notice of her. The rounder, wider appearance of her eyes seemed to make her more attractive to others. "Men started to ask me out on dates," she says. "So my confidence grew, and I became more outgoing."

2 Aiko enjoyed the new attention but worried that people would discover her

secret. She had to constantly reapply glue and avoid being outside on hot days, fearing that her secret would melt away.

3 But now, after a minor surgery that took less than 15 minutes, Aiko can go on with her active social life stress-free. With rounder eyes and a more defined nose bridge, she has the face she's always wanted.

4 To look good these days, sometimes wearing the hottest designer clothes or getting the latest, hip hairstyle is not enough. More people are seeking better looks,

confidence, and even success, through plastic surgery. Changes like Aiko's are happening all over Asia.

5 In Japan, small, quick surgeries are popular, with many clinics making 100 million dollars a year on these procedures. In Taiwan, the number of surgeries has grown rapidly over the past several years with about a million performed last year alone. Thailand advertises plastic surgery tours for foreign visitors in order to profit from the growing trend.

6 In South Korea, not only are adults changing their faces, but kids are too. Teenagers have become experts in plastic surgery, being able to use technical words and request specific surgical methods. Their parents are often supportive, realizing that good looks can help their children to be competitive and successful in society. What is a popular gift for high school graduates? Larger eyes.

7 In China, as the country has grown more prosperous, so has the focus on beauty and acceptance of plastic surgery in the mainstream culture. Just a few years ago, at a beauty pageant held only for people who had plastic surgery, China's first Miss Artificial Beauty was crowned.

8 Today, attaining beauty does cost money, and people are spending a lot of it on surgeries. In fact, enhanced beauty through plastic surgery has become a sign of wealth. When the economy gets stronger, people improve their looks as a way to show off their money.

9 Others hope that plastic surgery will help them gain more success and wealth. Xin Li, an accountant in Beijing, China, says that with so many people in his country,

surgically improving one's appearance has become a way to stand out. "If there are five people with the same abilities going for the same job, it's likely that the better-looking person will succeed," he says.



10 Although surgery may be an indication of wealth, many people are still looking for beauty at a bargain. Apkujong in Seoul, Korea, has over 400 clinics and is a popular destination for foreign visitors wanting surgeries at inexpensive prices. Many travelers come on plastic surgery tours offering cheap packages which include the surgery as well as hotel, travel costs, and sightseeing. The price of such a package can be the same as the cost of the surgery alone in other countries.

11 Shizuka Nishimoto, age 45 from Japan, is on a three-day visit for some shopping, sightseeing, a face-lift¹, and liposuction². "This vacation is for me," she says. "I'm unhappy with my weight, and want to see a younger me when I look in the mirror. While I'm here, I'm glad I can also enjoy being a tourist. I'll return home to my family with some souvenirs, and a new me."

1 face-lift surgery to remove wrinkles in the face

2 liposuction surgery to remove fat

Checking Fluency and Comprehension

✓ A. Mark these statements true (T) or false (F). Do not look back at the text.

- 1. This article is mainly about the cost of plastic surgery.
- 2. Parents in Korea are against their children having surgery.
- 3. Plastic surgery is popular in China, but not in Thailand.
- 4. Plastic surgery is a way to show you have money.
- 5. Some people get plastic surgery to become more successful.

B. Check your answers with a partner. Record your score on page 193.

Expanding Vocabulary

✓ A. Synonyms are words with a similar meaning. Look in the passage to find synonyms of the words below.

- 1. continuously (par. 2)
- 2. operation (par. 3)
- 3. looking for (par. 4)
- 4. successful (par. 7)
- 5. achieving (par. 8)
- 6. improved (par. 8)

B. Fill in the blanks with the synonyms you wrote in A. Be sure to use the correct forms.

- ✓ 1. He is a good businessman who runs a company.
- 2. Eyelid is a very common procedure in many countries.
- 3. I'm currently employment as a waiter.
- 4. It rained for five straight days before the sun finally came out.
- 5. The best way to our goal is to work together.
- 6. This laptop has a/an screen, which is why it costs more.

What's Your Opinion?

✓ Discuss the questions.

- 1. Is plastic surgery popular in your country? If so, what kinds of procedures are popular?
- 2. In what situations do you think plastic surgery is acceptable?
- 3. In what situations do you think plastic surgery is unacceptable?
- 4. What is one physical trait you would never change about yourself?
- 5. How do you feel about aging? Will it be important for you to look young, even as you get older?

Increasing Fluency

X Read the paragraph quickly; don't stop to think about the missing words. Mark the statements below true (T) or false (F).

Looking Young

As we get older, we'll do anything to still look XXXXX. Youth and beauty are XXXXX in our society. As a result, there are many ways people can try to XXXXX their young looks. For example, we have many XXXXX, such as anti-aging creams and lotions that will prevent skin XXXXX by the sun. Also, we have XXXXX to hide wrinkles, add color, and give our skin a healthy, young appearance. Finally, for some people, cosmetic XXXXX is the solution!

- 1. Looking young is important to some people.
- 2. Skin damage from the sun may make us look older.
- 3. We don't have many products to help us hide our age.
- 4. Plastic surgery is the most common way to look younger.

Movie English

Call Me (Monday)

Questions about Shallow Hal

1. Who are the stars of the movie?

2. What does "shallow" mean?

3. What's your definition of "beauty"?

4. Who is the most beautiful/handsome person you can think of? What makes them attractive?

5. Describe 2 of the characters in the movie (besides Hal).

a. Rosemary Shanahan

b. Mauricio

c. Tony Robbins

d. Steve Shanahan

e. Walt

f. Li'l Boy

6. What do these idioms/saying mean?

a. Beauty is only skin deep

b. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

c. Taking a joy in living is a woman's best cosmetic

d. Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart

7. Who does Hal meet in the elevator? And what does he tell Hal?

8. What are some synonyms for "fat"? For beautiful?

9. What's the movie about?

10. How does "Shallow Hal" compare to the Korean movie "200 pounds beauty(미녀는 괴로워)"?

11. What do you think of plastic surgery? What are the pros and cons?

Pros

Cons

12. What's body shaming? (Give an example)

13. Match the words and meanings

1. hypnotize _____

2. shallow _____

3. ideal _____

4. to dump _____

5. going out with _____

6. obsessed _____

7. hotties _____

8. naaaah _____

9. self-esteem _____

10. promotion _____

11. picky _____

12. courtesy _____

13. cuckoo _____

14. guru _____

a. high standards (for example, about food or dating partners)

b. perfect

c. a better job in the company

d. you only see the outside (for example, a person's appearance)

e. how you feel about yourself

f. dating

g. teacher

h. to put somebody under a spell (suggest things to them)

i. No!

j. to end a relationship

k. politeness

l. really handsome guys or beautiful women

m. crazy

n. can't stop thinking about or doing (_____ with)

13. Did you like the movie? Why or why not? Rate the movie from 1-10 (1=Terrible/10=Great)