

GRAMMAR AND LISTENING

Put the missing word in parentheses in the correct position in the sentence.

- a Chocolate thought to be bad for your skin. (is)
- b It has suggested that you should drink at least two liters of water a day. (been)
- c It used to assumed that carrots were good for your eyesight. (be)
- d It said that reading in a dim light can damage your eyes. (is)
- e Shaving body hair widely believed to make it grow back thicker and faster. (is)
- f It often said that we only use 10% of our brains. (is)

A
B
C
D
E
F

Rewrite the statements in Exercise 2 in a more informal style.

- a People ...
- b Some doctors ...
- a People say that chocolate is bad for your skin.
- c People ...
- d They ...
- e Many people ...
- f They ...

B
C
D
E
F

Look at the pictures of three people who took part in a radio show about cosmetic surgery. Match each person (Jean, Rita, or Michael) with an opinion (a-c) you think they might have.

- a "I really don't think there's anything wrong with trying to improve on what nature has given us."
- b "I think we should be grateful for what we have."
- c "Personally, I'm dead set against cosmetic surgery of any kind."



Jean Oldham,
beauty editor



Rita Taylor,
cosmetic surgeon



Michael Hirst, journalist

Complete the extracts from the radio show with words from the box.

ask believe frankly have point trying

- a I believe to say that the most beautiful women I know are not models.
- b I ask that true beauty comes from within.
- c The point is, it's selfish and indulgent of people to spend vast amounts of money on superficial improvements.
- d Quite frankly, cosmetic surgery can do more for you than a vacation, because the benefits last longer.
- e I guess what I'm trying to say is that cosmetic surgery nowadays is almost as routine as going on vacation.
- f If you have me, what we need to accept is that we can't look young forever.