

- 1 ★ 06 Read and listen to the article. Match ideas 1–5 with paragraphs A–E.

- 1 famous people who are colour-blind A
- 2 difficulties the condition causes at school
- 3 what colour-blindness means
- 4 difficulties the condition causes in daily life
- 5 when most people become colour-blind

A different kind of vision



- A** Here's a question for you. What have the founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, actor Eddie Redmayne and Britain's Prince William all got in common? Any guesses? Well, the answer is that they have never seen the world as most people do, because they're colour-blind.
- B** In fact, colour-blindness isn't very unusual. Around 8% of men and 0.5% of women have it. Most of them are born with the condition, and often don't find out for years that their sight is different.
- C** Colour-'blindness' isn't really a good description of the condition. It is extremely rare to see only in black and white. The majority of people who are colour-blind can see colours, but they can't distinguish between some of them. For most of them, reds, oranges and greens have always looked a similar yellow-brown colour.
- D** Most colour-blind people report that it causes them some problems. How do you know if the meat you've cooked is ready to eat? Or if you've spent too long in the sun? Imagine wearing two different-coloured socks all day, or driving through a red light because you think it's green!
- E** At school, students can find it difficult to identify countries on a map or information in a chart. They sometimes produce drawings and paintings with unusual colours. Today, some teachers have learned about the problems, and give colour-blind students support. Even so, most colour-blind people have learned how to manage their view of the world on their own.

- 2 ★★ Look at the ideas from the article. Are they extra details (D) or examples (E)?

Around 8% of men are colour-blind. D

- 1 Colour-'blindness' isn't a good description.
- 2 Colour-blind people might drive through red lights, thinking they're green.
- 3 Countries on maps can be difficult to see.
- 4 Some teachers help colour-blind students.

- 3 ★★ Read the article again. Write *true* or *false*.

Mark Zuckerberg is colour-blind. true

- 1 Not everyone knows they're colour-blind.
- 2 The condition is more common in men.
- 3 No one sees only in black and white.
- 4 All people who are colour-blind see the same colours.

- 4 ★★★ Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

When does colour-blindness usually start?

Most people are born with colour-blindness.

- 1 Why can it take a long time for people to realize they are colour-blind?
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- 2 Which colours do most people with the condition have problems seeing?
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- 3 Which school subjects do you think students with the condition have problems in?
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- 4 How have things improved for some school students with the condition?
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- 5 ★★ VOCABULARY PLUS Choose the correct words.

Cats use odour / scent / flavour to find food.

- 1 This is my favourite odour / texture / perfume.
- 2 Pick an ice cream fragrance / texture / flavour.
- 3 There's a terrible odour / texture / fragrance coming from the fridge. Is it the milk?
- 4 I love the texture / fragrance / flavour of spring flowers.
- 5 The shirt's perfume / texture / flavour is soft.