

READING COMPREHENSION 4: NOT JUST PEOPLE



PEACOCKS



SWORDTAIL FISH



SATIN BOWERBIRDS

Read carefully and choose the correct option

Research shows that people with more **symmetrical/health** faces don't just look nice. They also tend to be healthier than asymmetrical people. All people have the same number of genes. But people with more **different/average** faces tend to have a greater diversity in the genes they are born with. And that **study/similar** has shown that it can also mean stronger immune system and better **health/body**.

Scientists have found similar links between **beauty/beast** and health in other animals too. For example, Molly Morris, an ecologist, found that young **humans/females** swordtail fish prefer symmetrical males.

Research on birds also shows that female birds prefer **good-looking/ugly** guys. For example, satin bowerbirds, females prefer males whose feathers reflect more ultraviolet (UV) light.

Adeline Loyau is another ecologist who has seen **similar/other** things in peacocks she began studying the birds' eyespots some years ago. These are the vivid circles at the ends of their tail feathers. She knew females prefer males with more eyespots. They also **choose/eat** males that show off their tails more. Her **work/works** has now shown that healthier peacocks have more eyespots in their tails.