

LISTEN A MINUTE.com

Cosmetics

<http://www.listenAminute.com/c/cosmetics.html>



One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.
Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.
Listen many times – enough for you to you understand everything.

Follow me: <http://twitter.com/SeanBanville>

THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/c/cosmetics.html>

I wish we didn't need cosmetics. We spend so much time and money on them. And for what? We take them off at night, only to put them all on again in the morning. If you think about it, they're amazingly expensive. Why does a lipstick or a small tube of cream cost so much? The really expensive cosmetics don't actually make you look that different than really cheap ones. A lot depends too on your skill – choosing the right colours to match your face, and how you put your make-up on. I sometimes laugh at the ladies selling cosmetics in department stores. They're meant to be experts but they look like clowns. I mean, do they really need to paint their faces? One thing I worry about is whether the chemicals damage your skin.



LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/c/cosmetics.html>

I wish _____ cosmetics. We spend so much time and money on them. And for what? We _____ at night, only to put them _____ in the morning. If you think about it, they're amazingly expensive. Why does a lipstick or _____ of cream cost so much? The really expensive cosmetics don't _____ you look that different than really cheap ones. _____ too on your skill – choosing the right colours to match your face, and _____ your make-up on. I sometimes _____ ladies selling cosmetics in department stores. They're meant _____ but they look like clowns. I mean, do they really need to paint their faces? One thing I worry about is whether the chemicals _____.



CORRECT THE SPELLING

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/c/cosmetics.html>

I wish we didn't need cosmetics. We ndpse so much time and money on them. And for what? We take them off at night, only to put them all on naaig in the morning. If you think about it, they're amazingly eipeexvsn. Why does a lpicksti or a small tube of cream cost so much? The really expensive cosmetics don't actually make you look that different than really acphe ones. A lot depends too on your skill – choosing the right colours to tmcha your face, and how you put your make-up on. I sometimes uahlg at the ladies selling cosmetics in department stores. They're meant to be setexpr but they look like wsnclo. I mean, do they really need to paint their faces? One thing I worry about is whether the chemicals magaed your skin.



cosmetics need didn't we wish I. We spend so much time and money on them. And for what? We take them off at night, to them on only put all again in the morning. If you think about it, they're amazingly expensive. Why does a lipstick or cost cream of tube small a much so? The really expensive cosmetics don't actually make you that look cheap really than different ones. A lot depends too on your skill – choosing match to colours right the your face, and how you put your make-up on. I sometimes cosmetics selling ladies the at laugh in department stores. They're meant to be experts but they look like clowns. I mean, they do paint to need really their faces? One worry I thing whether is about the chemicals damage your skin.

 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Copyright © www.listenAminute.com



 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

STUDENT COSMETICS SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/c/cosmetics.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cosmetics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about cosmetics. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about cosmetics. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. COSMETICS POSTER Make a poster about cosmetics. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY COSMETICS LESSON: Make your own English lesson on cosmetics. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on cosmetics. Share your findings with the class.

