

Movember (A2)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Are moustaches fashionable in your country at present?
2. Do you like them? Why (not)?
3. Does anyone you know have a moustache?
4. How many famous historical figures can you think of who had moustaches?

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and write T (true) or F (false).

1. Moustaches were fashionable at different times in the 20th century.
2. The return of the moustache began as a result of the initiative of two friends in 2003.
3. They were at the barber's when they decided to grow a moustache to raise money.
4. Till now, Movember has raised nearly 500 million euros.
5. The men who participate are allowed to grow a beard at the same time.
6. They can choose any style of moustache they like.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. Why did the main characters in Hollywood films often use to have moustaches?
2. How did some people react in the early years of the 21st century when a man grew a moustache?
3. What gave Travis Garone and Luke Slattery the idea of raising funds for prostate cancer?
4. How many people took part the first time?
5. What happened two years later?
6. Which health issues does the Movember Foundation raise funds for, besides prostate cancer?
7. What rule do participants have to follow at the start of the challenge?
8. How does having a moustache help them to collect money?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from singular to plural.)

1. What are you _____ to the party tomorrow night?
2. The food in that café on the Brighton road is good. In fact, lots of _____ stop and eat there.
3. I didn't recognise you at first. You've _____ a beard!
4. We're going to the park. Why don't you _____ us when you've finished your homework?
5. The policeman received a medal for _____ after he faced the robber and disarmed him.
6. James likes to follow fashion. He always wears _____ clothes.

E – Ready for the A2 KEY English Test? (Paper 1, Part 4)

Choose the best word for each space.

One of the most famous moustaches in English fiction is ¹ _____ (*one/that/which*) of Agatha Christie's detective hero, Hercule Poirot. In her first Poirot novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, Christie describes it ² _____ (*as/like/so*) "very stiff and military". However, as time passes, it becomes ³ _____ (*always/yet/more and*) more magnificent. Poirot is extremely proud of it and spends a lot of time taking ⁴ _____ (*well/cure/care*) of it. Other characters frequently comment on the moustache. One character even says he's sure "the funny little man" ⁵ _____ (*must/could/*

should) be a retired hairdresser. Whatever people think of it, it's definitely the first thing they
6 _____ (*find/notice/look*) about him.

F – Check your pronunciation

One of the four words in each group has a different vowel sound. Which one?

1. plenty leading health breast
2. beer beard spread year
3. cause fallen support world
4. power growing allowed about
5. movovement sloogan scoope jokod

G – Write about it

Write a physical description of a famous historical person. Mention:

- height and build;
- colour of eyes and hair;
- other features.

Answers

B – Listen and answer

1. T 2. T 3. F – When they decided to do it, they were in a pub. 4. F – It has raised over 500 million euros. 5. No beards are allowed. 6. T

C – Read and answer

1. It represented their virility. 2. They ridiculed him because it had gone out of fashion. 3. A friend's mother was raising funds for breast cancer. 4. Thirty. (Or thirty-two, including the two friends.) 5. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia became Movember's first official partner. 6. It also raises funds for testicular cancer, mental health and the effects of physical inactivity. 7. They have to be clean-shaven. 8. It helps them to create conversation and talk about the initiative to others and ask for contributions.

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1. wearing 2. truckers 3. grown 4. join 5. bravery 6. trendy

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1. that 2. as 3. more and 4. care 5. must 6. notice

F – Check your pronunciation

1. leading 2. spread 3. world 4. growing 5. movement