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Words in the News

Can you see the light?



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Transcript

It looks like Philip is enjoying the lights. But doctors don't know if he can see them at all.

A new type of **therapy** - called Lightscores - helps **visually impaired** children become more active.

Sensors are placed on different parts of his body. They trigger sounds as Philip moves. This helps his **coordination** and confidence. After just five minutes, he's much more **adventurous**.

Vocabulary

therapy

treatment for a physical or mental problem

visually impaired

not able to see well even with glasses

sensors

devices that react to light, heat or pressure

coordination

(here) the ability to control your body's movements

adventurous

willing to try new things and take risks

Watch the video online: Can you see the light? <http://bbc.in/1BP1Gip>

Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

therapy / visually impaired / sensors / coordination / adventurous

1. A new type of fingerprint _____ said to be able to read prints through glass, metal and plastic smartphone covers has been unveiled at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) trade fair.
2. "Not all lynxes are this _____. They tend to stay close to where they were born."
3. The desire of a group of _____ young people to travel independently on the London Underground, rather than rely on friends, has contributed to the development of a ground-breaking app which they can use to guide them.
4. Grammy Award-winning jazz singer Gregory Porter speaks to the BBC about the importance of music as _____ in his own life - starting with tough beginnings in Bakersfield, California - where his family suffered racial abuse.
5. There is new evidence to suggest that people with Parkinson's disease can improve balance and _____ skills, through dance and movement.

Answers

1. A new type of fingerprint **sensor** said to be able to read prints through glass, metal and plastic smartphone covers has been unveiled at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) trade fair.

Source: Fingerprint sensor revealed by Qualcomm at MWC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-31692988>

2. "Not all lynxes are this **adventurous**. They tend to stay close to where they were born."

Source: Spain: Rare Iberian lynx tracked in Madrid region

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-31819357>

3. The desire of a group of **visually impaired** young people to travel independently on the London Underground, rather than rely on friends, has contributed to the development of a ground-breaking app which they can use to guide them.

Source: Technology helps visually impaired navigate the Tube

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-31754365>

4. Grammy Award-winning jazz singer Gregory Porter speaks to the BBC about the importance of music as **therapy** in his own life - starting with tough beginnings in Bakersfield, California - where his family suffered racial abuse.

Source: Gregory Porter: Music is my therapy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-31659826>

5. There is new evidence to suggest that people with Parkinson's disease can improve balance and **coordination** skills, through dance and movement.

Source: Ballet helps tackle Parkinson's disease

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-21767149>