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Armenian woman cries crystals

ONE day, an Armenian (亞美尼亞的) woman felt her eyes were getting **uncomfortable**, and later found that her tears had **crystalised**. In fact, her eyes produce over 50 crystal tears per day. All the doctors she has visited are unable to **diagnose** her problem.

Satenik Kazaryan, aged 22, started feeling like something was in her eyes months ago, but she thought it was not a big problem. Then suddenly, she found that her eyes were producing crystalised **objects** instead of normal **liquid** tears. Her friends could swipe out a crystalised object with a cotton swab every time Karazian blinked.

Karazian is still producing around 50 crystalised objects per day. The **chief** doctor of her country's health department has taken her on as a patient and sent the crystalised tears to the **laboratory** for testing. They hope to get the results back soon.

G TIPS

A 'liquid' is something that flows freely but has a set volume.

... her eyes were producing ... **liquid** tears.

A 'solid' is something firm that stays in one shape.

Ice is the **solid** form of water.

A 'gas' is something that can expand and does not have a set shape.

Steam is the **gas** form of water.

'Liquid' can also be an adjective meaning clear and shining.

The deer has **liquid** brown eyes.

G FUN

1. How many tear crystals is Kazaryan producing each day?

- A. 22
- B. 100
- C. 50

2. How old is Kazaryan?

- A. 22
- B. 50
- C. 100

3. Which government department is trying to help?

- A. Treasury
- B. Health
- C. Transport

uncomfortable (adj)
不適的

crystalised (adj)
晶體化的

diagnose (v)
診斷

Vocabulary
Challenge ★★★★★

object (n)
物體

chief (adj)
主要的

laboratory (n)
實驗室

Answers on P12