

## Eyes

When you are told that you have beautiful eyes, what that really means is that you have beautiful irises. Next time you think to compliment that girl in class on how you just cannot look away from her amber eyes, remember that you mean her irises, and think again. The iris is the part of your eye that surrounds the pupil and is actually responsible for changing its size. Therefore it is the iris that controls how much light the eyes absorb. The outer layer of the iris, or Stroma, is attached to a sphincter muscle, which helps it to constrict the size of the pupil.

More to the point, the iris is colorful part of our eyes. To many, it is the color of our eyes that is one of the most notable physical attributes. It is due to the strong pigmentation of Irises that we can fall into the sapphire pools of someone's eyes. Though there is a vast array of colors caused by these pigments, the categories that they fall into are blue, green, brown, hazel, amber, hazel, and the very rare red or violet. Our genes determine our eye color. It is an inherited trait that happens to be influenced by more than one gene. However, red and violet eyes are the result of being albino, which is also determined by one's genes. So when someone pays you the compliment that your sweater really brings out the green in your eyes, or that your eyes are red and you appear to be possessed, you can thank your parents. Over fifty percent of the world has been gifted brown eyes by their parents. This is because the brown eye trait is dominant in most alleles. On the other blue and amber eyes, while often considered the most beautiful, are also the most rare. Only about eight percent of the world has blue eyes, and less than five have amber.

While the color of one's eyes does not give them any physical advantage, they are no doubt one of the most interesting features of the human body. According to *Cosmopolitan*, women believe that eyes are the second most attractive body part. Whereas another survey showed that men find women's eyes to be the seventh most attractive. However, the color of one's eyes does remain meaningless. People still seem to find it very important though. It all seems to depend on how you look at it.

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