

Read the text and complete each blank with ONE suitable word from the list supplied, writing the word chosen in the numbered boxes below. Each word can only be used ONCE. There are five words you will not need. The first blank has been completed as an example.

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Botox and blush obsession seen as cause for alarm

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - America's obsession with beauty [0] is posing serious problems for the health and economic well-being [1] women and young [2], according to a report [3] Monday on the pursuit of physical perfection and the rise in cosmetic surgery.

The nonprofit YWCA in the United States [4] women and girls are spending increasing amounts of money in their bid to look [5] idealized, air-brushed magazine [6].

The report, Beauty at any Cost, noted U.S. women [7] some \$7 billion [8] year, or an average of about \$100 each, on cosmetics and beauty products.

That \$100 a month, if saved and invested for five years, would [9] for a full year of tuition and fees at a public college, the report [10].

"We believe that the obsession with idealized beauty and body image is a lifelong burden [11] takes a terrible toll on all young girls and women in [12] country," said YWCA USA Chief Executive, Dr. Lorraine Cole.

"What's really new here is the sheer extent to which women and girls [13] now willing to go...to be 'beautiful,' according to standards perpetuated by a youth-obsessed media culture with literally thousands of messages, 24 [14] a day," she said.

Nearly 11.7 million cosmetic surgical and nonsurgical procedures were performed in the United States [15] 2007 -- a 446 percent increase in 10 years, according [16] the American Society for Aesthetic Surgery. Botox injections and liposuction are the [17] popular nonsurgical and surgical procedures.

The report cites other research linking smoking to attempts by women and girls to control [18] weight. It notes that some ingredients in U.S. cosmetics, [19] as hair sprays and nail polishes, contain phthalates that have been shown to cause liver and reproductive system damage in animals.

The YWCA teamed up with the makers of a new documentary on the issue, "America the Beautiful", in a bid to alert the 2.5 million women and girls the YWCA serves in [20] United States.

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