

## LISTENING

### EXERCISE I:

Are the following statements true or false?

1. According to the video, optometrists cannot make a diagnosis.
2. To become an optometrist, a person has to study at a university for at least 7 years altogether.
3. Optometrists do not perform tests to determine color blindness.
4. The only specialist who can perform surgery on the eye is an ophthalmologist.
5. Optometrists have to renew their licenses each year.
6. The majority of optometrists carry out research.

### EXERCISE II:

Listen to the video again. Fill in the gaps.

Optometrists help people see better. They examine eyes to diagnose vision problems and eye diseases and  eye glasses and contact lenses. Optometrists are not  but they do have extensive training. All states and districts of Columbia license optometrists who are  to have a Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited optometry school – generally a four-year program after at least three years of undergraduate work. Most optometrist students  another bachelor's degree or higher. Then the optometrist must  a written and clinical State Board Examination. Optometrists can work in  clinics, retail optical stores or have their own . They use instruments and observation to determine eye health and test visual , depth and color perception and the ability to  and coordinate the eyes. They analyze these test results and develop a  plan. That plan can then be given to a dispensing optician to fit and adjust eye glasses or contact lenses. Or the optometrist might  the patient to an ophthalmologist – a medical doctor who can perform surgery. With ongoing  in eye care, optometrists' licenses must be renewed every one to three years and continuing education credits are required. Though some optometrists do , the majority work with patients so communication skills and a pleasant manner are also part of the prescription for a healthy .