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R&B singer Akon to build futuristic city

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/rb-singer-akon-moves-ahead-with-6-billion-akon-city-in-senegal>
<https://face2faceafrica.com/article/akons-6-billion-futuristic-pan-african-city-in-senegal-to-begin-next-year>
<https://akoncity.com/about/>

WARM-UPS

1. FUTURISTIC CITIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about futuristic cities. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

American / R&B / singer / futuristic / metropolis / roots / project / construction / cityscape / glass / steel / sculpture / village / injustice / connectivity / diaspora

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THE COUNTRYSIDE: Students A **strongly** believe people should out of the cities and into the countryside; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HIGH-TECH: How would high-tech help these areas of a city? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	High Tech Help	Your City
Transport		
Restaurants		
Parks		
Housing		
Policing		
Environment		

5. ROOTS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "roots". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CITIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best cities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Cairo
- Rio de Janeiro
- Moscow
- New Delhi
- Dubai
- Tehran
- Mexico City
- Bangkok

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. from scratch | a. Collected or brought together money or resources. |
| 2. raised | b. Family, ethnic, or cultural origins, especially as the reasons for one's long-standing emotional attachment to a place or community. |
| 3. metropolis | c. The part of the land near the sea; the edge of the land. |
| 4. coast | d. A very large and densely populated industrial and commercial city. |
| 5. roots | e. From the very, very beginning. |
| 6. commence | f. A task or project that is taken on; an enterprise. |
| 7. undertaking | g. Begin or start. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. blueprint | h. The state of being linked to computers. |
| 9. surreal | i. A design plan or other technical drawing. |
| 10. gleaming | j. Art that is two- or three-dimensional forms, especially made by carving stone or wood or by casting metal or plaster. |
| 11. inspired | k. All of the people living outside their own country. |
| 12. sculpture | l. Shine brightly, especially with reflected light. |
| 13. connectivity | m. Filled with the desire or ability to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. |
| 14. diaspora | n. Bizarre. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Akon will use a new material called scratch to build a city. **T / F**
- b. Akon City will be home to over 3,000,000 people. **T / F**
- c. Akon was born in Senegal and moved to the USA as a child. **T / F**
- d. The city will take three years to complete. **T / F**
- e. Designs on a website showed thousands of low-rise buildings. **T / F**
- f. The city's buildings will be based on traditional African sculptures. **T / F**
- g. Akon said the city will help people who suffer from racial injustice. **T / F**
- h. Akon wants the African diaspora to visit Senegal. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. funds | a. think |
| 2. metropolis | b. made public |
| 3. roots | c. bizarre |
| 4. announced | d. origins |
| 5. undertaking | e. motivated |
| 6. surreal | f. money |
| 7. inspired | g. enterprise |
| 8. injustice | h. behaves toward |
| 9. treats | i. conurbation |
| 10. feel | j. unfairness |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. plans to build a city | a. sculptures |
| 2. Akon has raised funds for a | b. needed employment |
| 3. built on the coast | c. can never imagine |
| 4. commence | d. of Senegal |
| 5. his undertaking will provide much- | e. looking gleaming glass |
| 6. a cityscape of surreal- | f. connectivity |
| 7. inspired by traditional | g. from scratch |
| 8. high-speed Internet | h. next year |
| 9. in so many different ways that you | i. the diaspora |
| 10. if you're coming from | j. futuristic metropolis |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

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roots

commence

coast

scratch

undertaking

childhood

reference

metropolis

Blueprints on the akoncity.com website show a (9) _____ of surreal-looking gleaming glass and steel high-rises. The designs of the (10) _____ skyscrapers were inspired by traditional sculptures made in African villages. The city will (11) _____ high-tech living and high-speed Internet connectivity. Akon wants the city to be a (12) _____ of call for Senegalese and other Africans facing racial injustice in the USA or Europe. He said: "The (13) _____ back home treats people unfairly, in so many different ways that you can never (14) _____. And they only go through it because they feel that there is no other way. So if you're coming from...the (15) _____ and you feel that you want to visit Africa, we want Senegal to be your first (16) _____."

system

boast

cityscape

diaspora

imagine

towering

stop

port

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

- 1) The American R&B singer Akon has said his plans to build a _____
 - a. city from such
 - b. city from stash
 - c. city from crushed
 - d. city from scratch
- 2) Akon has raised funds for a _____
 - a. futuristic metro police
 - b. futuristic metropolis
 - c. futuristic metropolitan
 - d. futuristic meh trope police
- 3) It will be called Akon City and be built on the _____
 - a. cost of Senegal
 - b. cots of Senegal
 - c. cast of Senegal
 - d. coast of Senegal
- 4) He announced that construction on the \$6 billion project will _____
 - a. commences next year
 - b. commenced next year
 - c. commence next year
 - d. come meant next year
- 5) He hopes his undertaking will provide much-_____
 - a. needy employment
 - b. needing employment
 - c. needed employment
 - d. need it employment
- 6) Blueprints on the akoncity.com website show a cityscape of surreal-looking _____
 - a. gleam Ming glass
 - b. gleam in glass
 - c. gleaming glass
 - d. glee Ming glass
- 7) The designs of the towering skyscrapers were inspired by _____
 - a. traditional sculptures
 - b. traditional sculptors
 - c. traditional sculptured
 - d. traditional sculptor is
- 8) The city will boast high-tech living and high-speed _____
 - a. Internet connect city
 - b. Internet connections
 - c. Internet connectively
 - d. Internet connectivity
- 9) He said the system back home treats _____
 - a. people in fairly
 - b. people in fairy
 - c. people non-furry
 - d. people unfairly
- 10) feel that there is no other way. So if you're coming _____
 - a. from the die as sporrán
 - b. from the dyers poorer
 - c. from the dies poorer
 - d. from the diaspora

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

1. What did the article say Akon will build his city from?
2. How many people will be able to live in Akon City?
3. Where did Akon spend a lot of his childhood?
4. How much will Akon City cost to build?
5. What did Akon say the city will provide for Senegalese people?
6. How did the article say the gleaming glass and steel high-rises looked?
7. What will the designs of buildings in Akon City be motivated by?
8. What did Akon say Africans were facing in the USA and Europe?
9. How did Akon say "the system back home" treated people?
10. Where might people be coming from to visit Senegal?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

- 1) What did the article say Akon will build his city from?
 - a) sand
 - b) from scratch
 - c) gold
 - d) from dreams
- 2) How many people will be able to live in Akon City?
 - a) 30 million
 - b) three million
 - c) 30,000
 - d) 300,000
- 3) Where did Akon spend a lot of his childhood?
 - a) Africa
 - b) Europe
 - c) USA
 - d) Japan
- 4) How much will Akon City cost to build?
 - a) \$66 billion
 - b) \$60 billion
 - c) \$6 billion
 - d) \$16 billion
- 5) What did Akon say the city will provide for Senegalese people?
 - a) pride
 - b) employment
 - c) business
 - d) entertainment
- 6) How did the article say the gleaming glass and steel high-rises looked?
 - a) surreal
 - b) ethereal
 - c) unreal
 - d) funereal
- 7) What will the designs of buildings in Akon City be motivated by?
 - a) African poetry
 - b) African song
 - c) African sculpture
 - d) African history
- 8) What did Akon say Africans were facing in the USA and Europe?
 - a) racial injustice
 - b) hardship
 - c) challenges
 - d) a bright future
- 9) How did Akon say "the system back home" treated people?
 - a) unfairly
 - b) well
 - c) the same as everyone
 - d) like royalty
- 10) Where might people be coming from to visit Senegal?
 - a) faraway lands
 - b) Asia
 - c) South (and Central) America
 - d) the (African) diaspora

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

Role A – Cairo

You think Cairo is the best city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Dubai, Bangkok or Rio de Janeiro.

Role B – Dubai

You think Dubai is the best city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Cairo, Bangkok or Rio de Janeiro.

Role C – Bangkok

You think Bangkok is the best city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Dubai, Cairo or Rio de Janeiro.

Role D – Rio de Janeiro

You think Rio de Janeiro is the best city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cities. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Dubai, Bangkok or Cairo.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'futuristic' and 'city'.

futuristic	city
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plans• coast• roots• movie• three• much	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• website• inspired• high• other• through• first
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FUTURISTIC CITIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

Write five GOOD questions about futuristic cities in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

FUTURISTIC CITIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'city'?
3. What do you know about the singer Akron?
4. What do you think of futuristic cities?
5. How futuristic is your city?
6. Do you prefer big cities or small towns?
7. How far back do your roots go?
8. What kind of city would you like to live in?
9. Would it be better for the world if there were no cities?
10. What advice do you have for Akron?

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FUTURISTIC CITIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'skyscraper'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is your favourite city?
15. Do you prefer modern or old cities?
16. Would you like to live in a gleaming skyscraper?
17. What is 'high-tech living'?
18. What do you think of the city being for the African diaspora?
19. What do you know about Senegal?
20. What questions would you like to ask Akron?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) scratch | (b) itch | (c) rash | (d) rub |
| 2. | (a) rising | (b) arising | (c) raised | (d) raising |
| 3. | (a) tubers | (b) twigs | (c) roots | (d) branches |
| 4. | (a) cite | (b) index | (c) contents | (d) reference |
| 5. | (a) commence | (b) command | (c) commandeer | (d) commander |
| 6. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) mere | (d) moral |
| 7. | (a) federation | (b) indicated | (c) steering | (d) surreal |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) on | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) beast | (b) baste | (c) boast | (d) bust |
| 10. | (a) backing | (b) heading | (c) sculling | (d) facing |
| 11. | (a) fall | (b) trip | (c) visit | (d) go |
| 12. | (a) full | (b) first | (c) catch | (d) start |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

Paragraph 1

1. build a city from trhaccs
2. a futuristic isreplotm
3. in rnceerfee to the city in the movie
4. iosroutcctnn on the \$6 billion project
5. comeencm next year
6. provide much-needed lmoenmytpe

Paragraph 2

7. a cityscape of sralreu-looking gleaming glass
8. The designs of the towering ssarpckyer
9. inspired by traditional prlstseuc
10. high-speed Internet ntenotyvcic
11. facing racial stnceuiji
12. coming from the adipasro

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () connectivity. Akon wants the city to be a port of call for Senegalese and other Africans facing racial
- () much of his childhood in Africa. He described his city as a "real-life Wakanda," in
- () funds for a futuristic metropolis with a population of 300,000 people. It will be called Akon City and be
- (**1**) The American R&B singer Akon has said his plans to build a city from scratch will go ahead. Akon has raised
- () project will commence next year and is expected to take three years to complete. He hopes
- () built on the coast of Senegal on Africa's west coast. Akon has Senegalese roots. He was born in the USA to Senegalese parents and spent
- () and steel high-rises. The designs of the towering skyscrapers were inspired by traditional
- () reference to the city in the movie "Black Panther". He announced that construction on the \$6 billion
- () his undertaking will provide much-needed employment for Senegalese.
- () Blueprints on the akoncity.com website show a cityscape of surreal-looking gleaming glass
- () sculptures made in African villages. The city will boast high-tech living and high-speed Internet
- () coming from...the diaspora and you feel that you want to visit Africa, we want Senegal to be your first stop."
- () injustice in the USA or Europe. He said: "The system back home treats people unfairly, in so many different ways that you can never
- () imagine. And they only go through it because they feel that there is no other way. So if you're

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

1. plans scratch . to build from city a His
2. raised for funds Akon has futuristic a metropolis .
3. He his Africa . in spent childhood of much
4. three is to years expected It take complete . to
5. much-needed undertaking provide hopes will He his employment .
6. high-rises . of surreal-looking and A glass steel cityscape
7. made African sculptures in by villages . traditional Inspired
8. of a for It'll be call port Senegalese .
9. system people unfairly . The back home treats
10. want Senegal be to your first We stop .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city.html>

The American R&B singer Akon has said his plans to build a city from *itch / scratch* will go ahead. Akon has *arisen / raised* funds for a futuristic *metropolis / metropolitan* with a population of 300,000 people. It will be called Akon City and be built on the *cast / coast* of Senegal on Africa's west coast. Akon has Senegalese *roots / root*. He was born in the USA to Senegalese parents and spent much of his *childish / childhood* in Africa. He described his city as a "real-life Wakanda," in *refer / reference* to the city in the movie "Black Panther". He announced that construction *at / on* the \$6 billion project will commence next year and is *expected / expectation* to take three years to complete. He hopes his undertaking will provide much-needed employment *in / for* Senegalese.

Blueprints on the akoncity.com website show a cityscape of surreal-looking *gleaming / cleaning* glass and steel high-rises. The *designates / designs* of the towering skyscrapers were inspired by traditional *sculptors / sculptures* made in African villages. The city will *baste / boast* high-tech living and high-speed Internet connectivity. Akon wants the city to be a *part / port* of call for Senegalese and other Africans facing *racial / radical* injustice in the USA or Europe. He said: "The system back home *treaties / treats* people unfairly, in so many different *ways / way* that you can never imagine. And they only go through it because they feel that there is no other way. So if you're coming from...the *diagrams / diaspora* and you feel that you want to visit Africa, we want Senegal to be your first *halt / stop*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ Am_r_c_n R & B s_n g_r Ak_n h_s s__ d h_s
pl_n s t_ b__ ld _ c_t y fr_m scr_t ch w_ll g_
_h__ d. Ak_n h_s r__ s_d f_n d s fr _ f_t_r_s_t_c
m_t_r_p_l_s w_th _ p_p_l_t__ n_f 3 0 0 , 0 0 0 p__
pl_. It w_ll b_ c_ll_d Ak_n C_t y _n_d b_ b__
l_t _n th_ c__ st _f S_n_g_l _n Afr_c_'s w_s t
c__ st. Ak_n h_s S_n_g_l_s_ r__ t s. H_ w_s b_r
n _n th_ USA t_ S_n_g_l_s_ p_r_n t s _n_d s_p_n t
m_c h _f h_s ch_l d h__ d _n Afr_c_. H_ d_s c
r_b_d h_s c_t y _s _ " r__ l - l_f_ W_k_n d_, " _n
r_f_r_n c_ t_ th_ c_t y _n th_ m_v__ " Bl_c k P_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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All cities should be futuristic. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FUTURISTIC CITIES: Make a poster about futuristic cities. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ROOTS: Write a magazine article about all of us going back to our roots. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on futuristic cities. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make cities futuristic. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. g
6. c	7. e	8. j	9. h	10. a

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- From scratch
- 300,000
- Africa
- \$6 billion
- Employment
- Surreal
- African sculpture
- Racial injustice
- Unfairly
- The (African) diaspora

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- His plans to build a city from scratch.
- Akon has raised funds for a futuristic metropolis.
- He spent much of his childhood in Africa.
- It is expected to take three years to complete.
- He hopes his undertaking will provide much-needed employment.
- A cityscape of surreal-looking glass and steel high-rises.
- Inspired by traditional sculptures made in African villages.
- It'll be a port of call for Senegalese.
- The system back home treats people unfairly.
- We want Senegal to be your first stop.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)