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Fans get inside space bubbles for rock concert

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THE ARTICLE

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A band has played what is being called the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The psychedelic-rock group the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were all in giant, inflatable plastic bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in their native city of Oklahoma. All band members were also inside their own Zorb bubble. There were 100 bubbles at the shows. Some of the bubbles contained three people. The bubbles may be one way for concerts to go ahead during the pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a water bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with cool air if it gets too hot.

The idea for the bubble concerts came from the band's lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to roll over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said attending a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, weird event, but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited, people being happy, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to work it out."

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/flaming-lips-concert-perform-inflatable-bubbles-oklahoma/>

WARM-UPS

1. CONCERTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about concerts. 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?

band / bubble / concert / rock / lips / concerts / pandemic / speaker / water bottle / lead singer / crowd / grocery store / magazine / weirdness / risk / excited / normal

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

3. BUBBLES: Students A **strongly** believe we all need a bubble to keep COVID-19 away; Students B **strongly** believe we don't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CONCERTS: What are the good and bad things about watching concerts? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Live		
On YouTube		
On the TV		
On the radio		
As a band member		
On a smart watch		

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

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

- Psychedelic
- Opera
- Folk
- Hip-Hop
- Classical
- K-Pop
- Heavy metal
- Jazz

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. psychedelic | a. Being able to be filled with air. |
| 2. audience | b. Something with rotating blades that makes the air cooler. |
| 3. inflatable | c. About a style of rock music from the mid 1960s, that is experimental. |
| 4. native | d. All of the people at a public event, such as a play, movie, concert, or meeting. |
| 5. member | e. About the country, region or city you were born in. |
| 6. fan | f. One person in a group. |
| 7. pee | g. Go to the toilet; urinate. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. lead | h. A situation that has danger. |
| 9. attending | i. The main, top or most important. |
| 10. grocery store | j. Very strange. |
| 11. weird | k. A changed kind of life that is now usual. |
| 12. risk | l. Being present at an event, meeting, or function. |
| 13. new normal | m. Think about something and find an answer. |
| 14. work it out | n. A shop that sells food and small household goods. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

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

- a. A solo rock singer performed the world's first space bubble concert. **T / F**
- b. The singer was not in a space bubble. **T / F**
- c. There were 100 space bubbles at the concert. **T / F**
- d. Each bubble had a towel and a fan. **T / F**
- e. The idea for the concert came from an expert in diseases. **T / F**
- f. The singer said the concert was safer than going to a grocery store. **T / F**
- g. The singer said the concert was a wired event. **T / F**
- h. The singer said the concert was kind of like the 'new normal'. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. band | a. going to |
| 2. audience | b. take place |
| 3. giant | c. concert |
| 4. go ahead | d. concept |
| 5. pee | e. crowd |
| 6. idea | f. strange |
| 7. attending | g. in danger |
| 8. weird | h. group |
| 9. at risk | i. huge |
| 10. show | j. urinate |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. in giant, inflatable plastic | a. at risk |
| 2. Some of the bubbles contained | b. with cool air |
| 3. a battery-operated | c. fan |
| 4. Workers refill the bubble | d. normal |
| 5. if it gets too | e. bubbles |
| 6. roll | f. to work it out |
| 7. safer than going to | g. three people |
| 8. putting our families and everybody | h. the grocery store |
| 9. I think it's a bit of a new | i. hot |
| 10. we're going to be able | j. over the crowd |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

A band has played what is being called the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The psychedelic-rock (1) _____ the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were all in (2) _____, inflatable plastic bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in their (3) _____ city of Oklahoma. All band (4) _____ were also inside their own Zorb bubble. There were 100 bubbles at the shows. Some of the bubbles contained three people. The bubbles may be one way for concerts to go (5) _____ during the pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a (6) _____ bottle, a battery-operated (7) _____, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with (8) _____ air if it gets too hot.

ahead
native
fan
group
cool
water
giant
members

The idea for the bubble concerts came from the band's (9) _____ singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to (10) _____ over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said (11) _____ a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, weird (12) _____, but the (13) _____ is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at (14) _____." He added: "You see people excited, people being (15) _____, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to (16) _____ it out."

roll
risk
event
work
attending
happy
lead
weirdness

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

- 1) A band has played what is being called the 'World's First _____'
 - a. Space Bubble Concertina
 - b. Space Bubble Concerto
 - c. Space Bubble Concert
 - d. Space Bubble Concerted
- 2) The psychedelic-rock group the Flaming Lips played _____
 - a. to a audience
 - b. to an audience
 - c. two an audience
 - d. too an audience
- 3) The bubbles may be one way for concerts to go ahead _____
 - a. enduring the pandemic
 - b. endure ring the pandemic
 - c. during the pandemic
 - d. ending the pandemic
- 4) a water bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot _____"
 - a. in here" sign
 - b. on here" sign
 - c. at here" sign
 - d. as here" sign
- 5) Workers refill the bubble with cool air if it _____
 - a. get too hot
 - b. regrets too hot
 - c. begets too hot
 - d. gets too hot
- 6) The idea for the bubble concerts came from the _____
 - a. band's zinc singer
 - b. band's iron singer
 - c. band's silver singer
 - d. band's lead singer
- 7) Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to roll over the crowd _____
 - a. during this concerts
 - b. during him concerts
 - c. during his concerts
 - d. during hits concerts
- 8) He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very _____."
 - a. restrict it, weird event
 - b. rest licked, weird event
 - c. rest licked it, weird event
 - d. restricted, weird event
- 9) the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and _____
 - a. everybody that risk
 - b. everybody sat risk
 - c. everybody at risk
 - d. everybody chat risk
- 10) You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to _____
 - a. work kit out
 - b. work it out
 - c. work it tout
 - d. work kit tout

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The idea for the bubble concerts came from the (7) _____ Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to roll (8) _____ during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said attending a space bubble concert is "safer than going to (9) _____". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, (10) _____ the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited, (11) _____, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to (12) _____ work it out."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

1. What kind of music does the band play?
2. What are the space bubbles called?
3. How many of the bubbles were at the concert?
4. What kinds of fans were in the bubbles?
5. What do workers fill the bubbles with?
6. Who came up with the idea for the space bubbles?
7. What did the lead singer roll over in his space bubble?
8. Where did the lead singer say the concert was safer than?
9. What is the name of the magazine the singer spoke to?
10. What did the lead singer think he's going to be able to do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

- 1) What kind of music does the band play?
 - a) heavy metal
 - b) country
 - c) psychedelic rock
 - d) hip-hop
- 2) What are the space bubbles called?
 - a) Zorb balls
 - b) Bubbles
 - c) Spacelets
 - d) Jab balls
- 3) How many of the bubbles were at the concert?
 - a) 200
 - b) 100
 - c) 400
 - d) 300
- 4) What kinds of fans were in the bubbles?
 - a) ceiling fans
 - b) foldable fans
 - c) portable fans
 - d) battery-operated fans
- 5) What do workers fill the bubbles with?
 - a) candy
 - b) music
 - c) cool air
 - d) pillows
- 6) Who came up with the idea for the space bubbles?
 - a) the bass player
 - b) the lead singer
 - c) the guitarist
 - d) the drummer
- 7) What did the lead singer roll over in his space bubble?
 - a) his song list
 - b) his guitars
 - c) Beethoven
 - d) the crowd
- 8) What did the lead singer say the concert was safer than?
 - a) going to work
 - b) a grocery store
 - c) trains
 - d) a classical concert
- 9) What is the name of the magazine the singer spoke to?
 - a) No Moss
 - b) Rolling Stone
 - c) Bubble World
 - d) Space Times
- 10) What did the lead singer think he's going to be able to do?
 - a) work it out
 - b) learn the piano
 - c) play to 10,000 bubbles
 - d) be normal

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

Role A – Heavy Metal

You think heavy metal is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the least pleasurable of these (and why): opera, hip-hop or jazz.

Role B – Opera

You think opera is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the least pleasurable of these (and why): heavy metal, hip-hop or jazz.

Role C – Hip-Hop

You think hip-hop is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the least pleasurable of these (and why): opera, heavy metal or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the least pleasurable of these (and why): opera, hip-hop or heavy metal.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

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

space	bubble

- 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">• band• giant• inside• three• ahead• cool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• idea• decided• store• event• fun• able
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CONCERTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

Write five GOOD questions about concerts 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.

CONCERTS 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 'space'?
3. What do you think of rock concerts?
4. How safe is it to attend concerts today?
5. What kinds of concerts do you like?
6. What do you think of the plastic bubble idea?
7. Would you go to a concert in a bubble?
8. Do you think the bubbles have other uses?
9. Do you think a concert in a bubble would be fun?
10. How has the pandemic affected your life?

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CONCERTS 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 'bubble'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the activity of Zorbing?
15. What are the risks of going to a grocery store?
16. How 'weird' is attending a concert in a Zorb ball?
17. What's the best concert you have ever seen?
18. Is it better to see a concert live or on YouTube?
19. Why do people enjoy going to concerts?
20. What questions would you like to ask the band's leader?

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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The idea for the bubble concerts came from the band's lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to (7) _____ over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said attending a space bubble concert is "(8) _____ than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, (9) _____ event, but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before (10) _____ our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited, people being happy, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new (11) _____. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to work it (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) players | (b) played | (c) playing | (d) play |
| 2. | (a) crowd | (b) audience | (c) fans | (d) spectator |
| 3. | (a) crisis | (b) editor | (c) boiler | (d) native |
| 4. | (a) contents | (b) contained | (c) insides | (d) within |
| 5. | (a) abate | (b) aghast | (c) affront | (d) ahead |
| 6. | (a) windy | (b) atmosphere | (c) air | (d) space |
| 7. | (a) roll | (b) slime | (c) bun | (d) vacant |
| 8. | (a) safe | (b) safely | (c) safer | (d) safes |
| 9. | (a) bond | (b) wired | (c) bind | (d) weird |
| 10. | (a) putting | (b) puts | (c) putter | (d) put |
| 11. | (a) normal | (b) average | (c) certainly | (d) musically |
| 12. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in | (d) under |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

Paragraph 1

1. played to an daeceinu
2. giant, tabelfnila plastic bubbles
3. in their iatnve city of Oklahoma
4. the bubbles ncenadtoi three people
5. go ahead during the pnadmeci
6. a berytta-operated fan

Paragraph 2

7. roll over the wrdco
8. nitagdnet a space bubble concert
9. safer than going to the rcogrye store
10. a very restricted, rewid event
11. we can yjoen a concert
12. a bit of a new lrmnoa

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () concert before putting our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people
- () group the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were all in giant, inflatable plastic
- () members were also inside their own Zorb bubble. There were 100 bubbles at the shows. Some of the bubbles
- () normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to work it out."
- () an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with cool air if it gets too hot.
- () over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was
- () contained three people. The bubbles may be one way for concerts to go ahead during
- (**1**) A band has played what is being called the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The psychedelic-rock
- () bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in their native city of Oklahoma. All band
- () excited, people being happy, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new
- () The idea for the bubble concerts came from the band's lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to roll
- () the pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a water bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and
- () in a Zorb. He said attending a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone
- () magazine: "It's a very restricted, weird event, but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

1. giant who bubbles . An were in audience all
2. in concerts band their played The city . native
3. band bubble . inside members own were their All
4. for one concerts . way be may The bubbles
5. cool Workers with refill the bubble air .
6. lead from idea singer . The band's came the
7. be He would COVID-safe . concerts decided that
8. grocery store . the to than Safer going
9. enjoy can is weirdness The concerts . we so
10. now I normal' . is this think the 'new

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A band has played what is being *calling* / *called* the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The psychedelic-rock group the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were *all* / *every* in giant, inflatable plastic bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in *them* / *their* native city of Oklahoma. All band members were *also* / *addition* inside their own Zorb bubble. There were 100 bubbles *to* / *at* the shows. Some of the bubbles *contained* / *contents* three people. The bubbles may be *once* / *one* way for concerts to go ahead during *the* / *a* pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a *watery* / *water* bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with cool air if it gets *too* / *to* hot.

The *idea* / *ideal* for the bubble concerts came from the band's *leader* / *lead* singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to roll *under* / *over* the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would *have* / *be* COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said attending a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, *wired* / *weird* event, but the weirdness is so we can *enjoy* / *enjoyment* a concert before putting our families and everybody at *risky* / *risk*." He added: "You see people excited, people being *happily* / *happy*, and people really having fun....I think it's a *bit* / *byte* of a 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to work it *up* / *out*."

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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_ b_nd h_s pl_y_d wh_t _s b__ng c_ll_d th_ 'W_rld's F_rst Sp_c_ Bubbl_ C_nc_rt'. Th_ psych_d_l_c-r_ck gr_up th_ Fl_m_ng L_ps pl_y_d t_ _n _ud__nc_ wh_ w_r_ _ll _n g__nt, _nfl_t_bl_ pl_st_c bubbl_s. Th_ bubbl_s _r_ c_ll_d Z_rb b_lls. Th_ b_nd pl_y_d tw_ c_nc_rts _n th__r n_t_v_ c_ty _f _kl_h_m_. _ll b_nd m_mb_rs w_r_ _ls_ _ns_d_ th__r _wn Z_rb bubbl_. Th_r_ w_r_ 100 bubbl_s _t th_ sh_ws. S_m_ _f th_ bubbl_s c_nt__n_d thr__ p__pl_. Th_ bubbl_s m_y b_ _n_ w_y _f_r c_nc_rts t_ g_ _h__d dur_ng th_ p_nd_m_c. __ch bubbl_ h_s _ sp_c__l sp__k_r, _ w_t_r b_ttl_, _ b_ttry-_p_r_t_d f_n, _ t_w_l _nd _n " _ g_tt_ g_ p__/_h_t _n h_r_" s_gn. W_rk_rs r_f_ll th_ bubbl_ w_th c__l __r _f _t g_ts t__ h_t.

Th_ _d__ f_r th_ bubbl_ c_nc_rts c_m_ fr_m th_ b_nd's l__d s_ng_r W_yn_ C_yn_. H_ _ft_n us_s _ Z_rb b_ll t_ r_ll _v_r th_ cr_wd dur_ng h_s c_nc_rts. H_ d_c_d_d th_t c_nc_rts w_uld b_ C_V_D-s_f_ _f _v_ry_n_ w_s _n _ Z_rb. H_ s__d _tt_ndng _ sp_c_ bubbl_ c_nc_rt _s "s_f_r th_n g__ng t_ th_ gr_c_ry st_r". H_ t_ld th_ R_ll_ng St_n_ m_g_z_n_: "_t's _ v_ry r_str_ct_d, w__rd _v_nt, but th_ w__rdn_ss _s s_ w_ c_n _nj_y _ c_nc_rt b_f_r_ putt_ng _ur f_m_l__s _nd _v_ryb_dy _t r_sk." H_ _dd_d: "Y_u s__ p__pl_ _xc_t_d, p__pl_ b__ng h_ppy, _nd p__pl_ r__lly h_v_ng fun...._ th_nk _t's _ b_t _f _ 'n_w n_rm_l'. Y_u m_ght g_ t_ _ sh_w, y_u m_ght n_t, but _ th_nk w_'r_ g__ng t_ b_ _bl_ t_ w_rk _t _ut."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a band has played what is being called the worlds first space bubble concert the psychedelicrock group the flaming lips played to an audience who were all in giant inflatable plastic bubbles the bubbles are called zorb balls the band played two concerts in their native city of oklahoma all band members were also inside their own zorb bubble there were 100 bubbles at the shows some of the bubbles contained three people the bubbles may be one way for concerts to go ahead during the pandemic each bubble has a special speaker a water bottle a batteryoperated fan a towel and an i gotta go peehot in here sign workers refill the bubble with cool air if it gets too hot

the idea for the bubble concerts came from the bands lead singer wayne coyne he often uses a zorb ball to roll over the crowd during his concerts he decided that concerts would be covidsafe if everyone was in a zorb he said attending a space bubble concert is safer than going to the grocery store he told the rolling stone magazine its a very restricted weird event but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at risk he added you see people excited people being happy and people really having funi think its a bit of a new normal you might go to a show you might not but i think were going to be able to work it out

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

Write about **concerts** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert.html>

We should all have a space bubble so we can stay COVID-safe. 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. CONCERTS: Make a poster about concerts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BUBBLES: Write a magazine article about governments giving everyone a space bubble. 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 concerts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make concerts safe. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Psychedelic rock
2. Zorb balls
3. 100
4. Battery-operated fans
5. Cool air
6. The lead singer
7. The crowd
8. A grocery store
9. Rolling Stone
10. Work it out

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. An audience who were all in giant bubbles.
2. The band played concerts in their native city.
3. All band members were inside their own bubble.
4. The bubbles may be one way for concerts.
5. Workers refill the bubble with cool air.
6. The idea came from the band's lead singer.
7. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe.
8. Safer than going to the grocery store.
9. The weirdness is so we can enjoy concerts.
10. I think this is now the 'new normal'.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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