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2020 Dubai Expo opens to 'astonish the world'

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. DUBAI: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Dubai. 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?

Dubai / Expo / pandemic / opening ceremony / opera / pianist / singer / fireworks / global / aims / challenges / the future / sustainability / mobility / opportunity / ruler

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

3. OPPORTUNITY: Students A **strongly** believe there will be greater opportunities for people in the future; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MY EXPO: What would you include if Expo came to your town? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Fireworks		
Music		
Dance		
Video		
Celebrities		
Aims		

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

6. THE FUTURE: Rank these with your partner. Put which of these things will be best in the future at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Food
- Education
- Jobs
- Weather
- Happiness
- Mobility
- Peace
- Technology

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. delayed | a. Expensive, grand and fantastic. |
| 2. extravagant | b. Very, very rich, elaborate, or luxurious. |
| 3. ushered | c. Known or talked about by many people; famous. |
| 4. renowned | d. Caused or marked the start of something. |
| 5. lavish | e. Made someone or something late or slow. |
| 6. collaboration | f. Conserving an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources. |
| 7. sustainable | g. The action of working with someone to produce something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. showcase | h. An attempt or effort to achieve something. |
| 9. fundamental | i. Exhibit; display. |
| 10. dedicated | j. The latest or most advanced stage in the development of something. |
| 11. opportunity | k. Surprise or impress someone greatly. |
| 12. cutting-edge | l. Exclusively allocated to or intended for a particular purpose. |
| 13. bid | m. A chance for employment or promotion. |
| 14. astonish | n. Affecting or relating to the essential nature of something or the crucial point about an issue. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

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

1. The article says the Dubai Expo opening ceremony lacked extravagance. **T / F**
2. Dubai Expo will last for a year. **T / F**
3. A Saudi Arabian singer sang at the opening ceremony. **T / F**
4. Reuters called the Dubai Expo fireworks lavish. **T / F**
5. The World Expo happens every four years. **T / F**
6. The aim of the Expo is to showcase challenges to humanity. **T / F**
7. The Dubai Expo theme is "Connecting the Future, Creating Minds". **T / F**
8. Over 200 countries will have exhibits at the Dubai Expo. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. delayed | a. famous |
| 2. extravagant | b. state-of-the-art |
| 3. renowned | c. gorgeous |
| 4. flamboyant | d. proposal |
| 5. lavish | e. expensive |
| 6. fundamental | f. amaze |
| 7. dedicated | g. energetic |
| 8. cutting-edge | h. devoted |
| 9. bid | i. postponed |
| 10. astonish | j. basic |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The 2020 Dubai Expo has finally opened | a. by humanity |
| 2. An extravagant opening ceremony ushered | b. from the music world |
| 3. A host of stars | c. showcase solutions |
| 4. the world- | d. collaboration |
| 5. the power of global | e. held in the Middle East |
| 6. Its aims are to | f. of sustainability |
| 7. fundamental challenges faced | g. after being delayed |
| 8. dedicated to the sub-themes | h. renowned opera singer |
| 9. It is the first Expo to be | i. to host the Expo |
| 10. When Dubai made its bid | j. in the global event |

GAP FILL

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The 2020 Dubai Expo has finally opened after being (1) _____ by the covid-19 pandemic. An extravagant opening ceremony (2) _____ in the global event, which will run until March 2022. A host of stars from the music world joined the (3) _____ ceremony. These included the world-(4) _____ opera singer Andrea Bocelli, China's flamboyant pianist Lang Lang and Saudi Arabian singer Mohammed Abdu. International (5) _____ agencies reported on the dazzling ceremony. CNN said: "Dubai doesn't do anything by (6) _____. The city always goes big." The Reuters news agency wrote about "the (7) _____ ceremony of fireworks, music and messaging about the power of global (8) _____ for a more sustainable future".

renowned
ushered
half
collaboration
spectacular
lavish
delayed
news

The World Expo is a (9) _____ event that takes place in a different city every five years. Its (10) _____ are to showcase solutions to fundamental challenges faced by humanity, and to bring people of the world together. Organizers of the Dubai Expo (11) _____ the theme: "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". The Expo will also be (12) _____ to the sub-themes of sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the first Expo to be (13) _____ in the Middle East. Over the next six months, 25 million visitors will see (14) _____ -edge and cultural exhibitions from almost 200 countries. When Dubai made its (15) _____ to host the Expo, the city's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (16) _____ Dubai would "astonish the world".

aims
cutting
selected
promised
global
held
bid
dedicated

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The 2020 Dubai Expo has finally opened after being _____ covid-19 pandemic
 - a. deployed by the
 - b. relayed by the
 - c. levelled by the
 - d. delayed by the
- 2) An extravagant opening ceremony _____ global event
 - a. wished in the
 - b. rushed in the
 - c. ushered in the
 - d. usher in the
- 3) music world joined the spectacular ceremony. These included _____ opera singer
 - a. the world-renewed
 - b. the world-really known
 - c. the world-re noun
 - d. the world-renowned
- 4) International news agencies reported _____ ceremony
 - a. on the dazzling
 - b. on the dazzle in
 - c. on the dazzle ring
 - d. on the dozen
- 5) messaging about the power of global collaboration for a _____
 - a. more sustainability future
 - b. more sustainable future
 - c. more sustain navel future
 - d. more sustain a ball future
- 6) Its aims are to showcase solutions to fundamental challenges _____
 - a. fact by humanity
 - b. face by humanity
 - c. faced by humanity
 - d. fazed by humanity
- 7) The Expo will also be dedicated to the _____ sustainability
 - a. sub-them of
 - b. sub-memes of
 - c. sub-theme of
 - d. sub-themes of
- 8) It is the first Expo to be held in _____
 - a. the Far East
 - b. the Centre East
 - c. the Middle East
 - d. the Near East
- 9) When Dubai made its _____ the Expo
 - a. bid to host
 - b. bad to host
 - c. bod to host
 - d. bud to host
- 10) Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised Dubai would " _____ "
 - a. astonish a world
 - b. astonish all world
 - c. astonish worldly
 - d. astonish the world

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

1. What delayed the 2020 Dubai Expo?
2. Where was the pianist from who played at the opening ceremony?
3. Which news agency said Dubai doesn't do anything by half?
4. What did a news agency say about the fireworks at the ceremony?
5. What kind of collaboration did the news agency write about?
6. How often does the World Expo take place?
7. What is the theme of the Dubai Expo?
8. How many previous Expos had been held in the Middle East?
9. How many visitors could attend the Dubai Expo?
10. Who said Dubai would "astonish the world"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

- 1) What delayed the 2020 Dubai Expo?
 - a) security
 - b) finances
 - c) availability of singers
 - d) the covid-19 pandemic
- 2) Where was the pianist from who played at the opening ceremony?
 - a) Japan
 - b) China
 - c) India
 - d) Thailand
- 3) Which news agency said Dubai doesn't do anything by half?
 - a) BBC
 - b) ABC
 - c) CNN
 - d) Al Jazeera
- 4) What did a news agency say about the fireworks at the ceremony?
 - a) It was lavish
 - b) It was colourful
 - c) It was unprecedented
 - d) It was cool
- 5) What kind of collaboration did the news agency write about?
 - a) daily collaboration
 - b) community collaboration
 - c) global collaboration
 - d) intensive collaboration
- 6) How often does the World Expo take place?
 - a) every for years
 - b) every five years
 - c) every ten years
 - d) every few years
- 7) What is the theme of the Dubai Expo?
 - a) Correcting Minds, Creating a Future
 - b) Connecting the Globe, Creating the Future
 - c) Connecting the Future, Creating Minds
 - d) Connecting Minds, Creating the Future
- 8) How many previous Expos had been held in the Middle East?
 - a) none
 - b) 1
 - c) 2
 - d) 3
- 9) How many visitors could attend the Dubai Expo?
 - a) 27 million
 - b) 24 million
 - c) 25 million
 - d) 28 million
- 10) Who said Dubai would "astonish the world"?
 - a) singers at the opening ceremony
 - b) Dubai's ruler
 - c) the US President
 - d) the people of Dubai

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Food

You think food is the thing that will be most improved in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which of these will improve the least (and why): employment, education or technology.

Role B – Employment

You think employment is the thing that will be most improved in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which of these will improve the least (and why): food, education or technology.

Role C – Education

You think education is the thing that will be most improved in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which of these will improve the least (and why): employment, food or technology.

Role D – Technology

You think technology is the thing that will be most improved in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which of these will improve the least (and why): employment, education or food.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

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

Dubai	Expo

- 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">• finally• ushered• pianist• dazzling• half• wrote	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• different• aims• selected• mobility• 200• ruler
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DUBAI SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Dubai 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.

DUBAI 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 'Dubai'?
3. What do you know about Dubai?
4. What do you know about Expo?
5. Would you like to attend the Dubai Expo?
6. Have you ever been to an extravagant opening ceremony?
7. What do you think of huge fireworks displays?
8. Who would you like to see perform at an Expo opening ceremony?
9. How good is your country at collaborating?
10. What do you think of a sustainable future?

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DUBAI 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 'Expo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should Expo take place more often?
15. What benefits does Expo have for a city?
16. What are the fundamental challenges faced by humanity?
17. What opportunities are there for you in the future?
18. What do you think the future will be like?
19. How might Expo 'astonish the world'?
20. What questions would you like to ask Expo's organizers?

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) delayed | (b) relays | (c) delay | (d) relayed |
| 2. | (a) plush | (b) wished | (c) ushered | (d) winded |
| 3. | (a) heist | (b) haste | (c) host | (d) hasty |
| 4. | (a) flammable | (b) flaming | (c) flambéed | (d) flamboyant |
| 5. | (a) half | (b) third | (c) quarter | (d) whole |
| 6. | (a) massaging | (b) messaging | (c) missing | (d) amassing |
| 7. | (a) accuse | (b) encase | (c) bookcase | (d) showcase |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) on | (d) of |
| 9. | (a) desiccated | (b) decorated | (c) dedicated | (d) dictated |
| 10. | (a) rim | (b) line | (c) border | (d) edge |
| 11. | (a) bod | (b) bud | (c) bed | (d) bid |
| 12. | (a) permitted | (b) promised | (c) parsed | (d) précised |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An enartatvaxg opening ceremony
2. the world-roeendwn opera singer
3. China's amanboytlf pianist
4. the havisl ceremony
5. the power of global iocorlalobtna
6. a more abiutlesasn future

Paragraph 2

7. Its aims are to showcase ilountoss
8. dunfmenaalt challenges
9. eedltesc the theme
10. Expo will also be edacedidt
11. mobility and uirtpopnyot
12. cultural oxhbntiieis

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () together. Organizers of the Dubai Expo selected the theme: "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". The Expo will also be
- () The World Expo is a global event that takes place in a different city every five years. Its aims are to
- () ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised Dubai would "astonish the world".
- () world joined the spectacular ceremony. These included the world-renowned opera
- () half. The city always goes big." The Reuters news agency wrote about "the lavish ceremony
- () exhibitions from almost 200 countries. When Dubai made its bid to host the Expo, the city's
- () in the Middle East. Over the next six months, 25 million visitors will see cutting-edge and cultural
- () showcase solutions to fundamental challenges faced by humanity, and to bring people of the world
- () singer Andrea Bocelli, China's flamboyant pianist Lang Lang and Saudi Arabian singer Mohammed Abdu. International news
- () ceremony ushered in the global event, which will run until March 2022. A host of stars from the music
- () agencies reported on the dazzling ceremony. CNN said: "Dubai doesn't do anything by
- () of fireworks, music and messaging about the power of global collaboration for a more sustainable future".
- (**1**) The 2020 Dubai Expo has finally opened after being delayed by the covid-19 pandemic. An extravagant opening
- () dedicated to the sub-themes of sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the first Expo to be held

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

1. An global ceremony in ushered event . the extravagant
2. the music stars world . from A host of
3. doesn't anything half . CNN do by Dubai said
4. the lavish of Reuters about wrote ceremony fireworks .
5. collaboration more sustainable a for Global future .
6. different in every place five Takes years . cities
7. faced humanity . solutions fundamental by to challenges Showcase
8. Expo be in to held Middle East . first The the
9. almost cultural and 200 Cutting-edge from countries . exhibitions
10. Expo . Dubai made its to When host bid

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

The 2020 Dubai Expo has *finally* / *finality* opened after being delayed by the covid-19 pandemic. An extravagant opening ceremony *ushering* / *ushered* in the global event, which will run *until* / *for* March 2022. A host of stars from the music world *joined* / *joint* the spectacular ceremony. These included the world-renowned opera singer Andrea Bocelli, China's *flamboyance* / *flamboyant* pianist Lang Lang and Saudi Arabian singer Mohammed Abdu. International news agencies reported on the *leveling* / *dazzling* ceremony. CNN said: "Dubai doesn't do anything by *quarter* / *half*. The city always goes big." The Reuters news agency wrote about "the *lavish* / *theme* ceremony of fireworks, music and messaging about the power of global collaboration *for* / *to* a more sustainable *ahead* / *future*".

The World Expo is a global event that *takes* / *gives* place in a different city every five years. Its *alms* / *aims* are to showcase solutions to fundamental challenges faced *of* / *by* humanity, and to bring people *to* / *of* the world together. Organizers of the Dubai Expo *selected* / *elected* the theme: "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". The Expo will also be *deducted* / *dedicated* to the sub-themes of sustainability, mobility and *opportune* / *opportunity*. It is the first Expo to be held in the Middle East. Over the next six months, 25 million visitors will see cutting- *ledge* / *edge* and cultural exhibitions from almost 200 countries. When Dubai made its *bide* / *bid* to host the Expo, the city's *ruler* / *rule* Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised Dubai would "astonish the world".

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_ 2020 D_b__ _xp_ h_s f_n_lly _p_n_d _ft_r b__ng
d_l_y_d by th_ c_v_d-19 p_nd_m_c. _n _xtr_v_g_nt
_p_n_ng c_r_m_ny _sh_r_d _n th_ gl_b_l _v_nt, wh_ch
w_ll r_n _nt_l M_rch 2022. _ h_st _f st_rs fr_m th_
m_s_c w_rld j__n_d th_ sp_ct_c_l_r c_r_m_ny. Th_s_
_ncl_d_d th_ w_rld-r_n_wn_d _p_r_ s_ng_r _ndr__
B_c_ll_, Ch_n_'s fl_mb_y_nt p__n_st L_ng L_ng _nd
S__d_ _r_b__n s_ng_r M_h_mm_d _bd_. _nt_rn_t__n_l
n_ws _g_nc__s r_p_rt_d _n th_ d_zzlng c_r_m_ny. CNN
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_lw_ys g__s b_g." Th_ R__t_rs n_ws _g_ncy wr_t_
_b__t "th_ l_v_sh c_r_m_ny _f f_r_w_rks, m_s_c _nd
m_ss_g_ng _b__t th_ p_w_r _f gl_b_l c_ll_b_r_t__n fr
_ m_r_ s_st__n_bl_ f_t_r_".

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. DUBAI: Make a poster about Dubai. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORLD EXPO: Write a magazine article about making the World Expo every year. 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 Dubai. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions of the city. 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)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The covid-19 pandemic
2. China
3. CNN
4. It was lavish
5. Global collaboration
6. Every 5 years
7. Connecting Minds, Creating the Future
8. None
9. 25 million
10. Dubai's ruler

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. An extravagant ceremony ushered in the global event.
2. A host of stars from the music world.
3. CNN said Dubai doesn't do anything by half.
4. Reuters wrote about the lavish ceremony of fireworks.
5. Global collaboration for a more sustainable future.
6. Takes place in different cities every five years.
7. Showcase solutions to fundamental challenges faced by humanity.
8. The first Expo to be held in the Middle East.
9. Cutting-edge and cultural exhibitions from almost 200 countries.
10. When Dubai made its bid to host Expo.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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