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Paris' Champs-Elysees to be 'extraordinary garden'

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are ambitious plans to transform Paris' famous street the Champs-Elysees. She said she wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of the French capital. It joins the Place de la Concorde with the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many Parisians believe it looks old. They want it to look more modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to reduce the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more attractive.

The Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car showrooms full of luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a decade to beautify the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will redo the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is around \$305 million.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/paris-mayor-pushes-ahead-with-plan-to-give-champs-elysees-a-305-million-green-makeover/>
<https://www.thelocal.fr/20210111/green-light-for-paris-famous-champs-elysee-to-be-turned-into-garden>
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WARM-UPS

1. PARIS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Paris. 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?

mayor / ambitious / plans / garden / beautiful / avenue / modern / traffic / trees / sophisticated / elegant / luxury / fashion / decade / Olympics / length / budget

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

3. TREES: Students A **strongly** believe all towns and cities should plant thousands more trees; Students B **strongly** believe tis isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. STREETS: What are the streets like in your town? How can we improve them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Is It Like?	Improvements
Trees		
Walking space		
Litter		
Lights		
Easy to use		
Parking		

5. FAMOUS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "famous". 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.

- Paris
- Dubai
- Tokyo
- New York
- Nairobi
- Rio De Janeiro
- Beijing
- Sydney

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. ambitious | a. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |
| 2. transform | b. Unusually great. |
| 3. extraordinary | c. Make a big change to. |
| 4. capital | d. Nice to look at. |
| 5. reduce | e. Of a plan or piece of work that is planned to do great things or be great. |
| 6. pedestrian | f. The most important city or town of a country or region, usually where its government is. |
| 7. attractive | g. A person walking along a road. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. sophisticated | h. A type of clothing or other product made by a particular company under a particular name. |
| 9. showroom | i. Make the looks of something better. |
| 10. magnet | j. One of many shops owned by one company and selling the same things. |
| 11. brand | k. A kind of store used to show goods for sale, such as cars or furniture. |
| 12. chain store | l. The amount of money given to a project or plan. |
| 13. beautify | m. Having or showing a high level of fashion and culture. |
| 14. budget | n. A person or thing that has a power to make people move towards them. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

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

- a. The Champs Elysees is over two kilometres long. **T / F**
- b. The Champs Elysees is pretty much in the middle of Paris. **T / F**
- c. The Champs Elysees joins the Eiffel Tower with the Arc de Triomphe. **T / F**
- d. The mayor wants to create more space for people to walk. **T / F**
- e. The article says Paris didn't use to be elegant or sophisticated. **T / F**
- f. The article says the Champs Elysees now looks like many other streets. **T / F**
- g. Work on the Champs Elysees will take ten years. **T / F**
- h. The beautification work will cost around \$305 billion. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. plans | a. ten years |
| 2. transform | b. amazing |
| 3. extraordinary | c. pretty |
| 4. reduce | d. later |
| 5. attractive | e. change |
| 6. sophisticated | f. focus |
| 7. magnet | g. decrease |
| 8. decade | h. financial plan |
| 9. afterwards | i. cultured |
| 10. budget | j. ideas |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. there are ambitious plans to transform | a. traffic on the avenue |
| 2. The Champs-Elysees is in the | b. the latest brands |
| 3. she wants to reduce the amount of | c. more attractive |
| 4. make more room | d. length of the avenue |
| 5. make it greener and | e. elegant Paris was |
| 6. how sophisticated and | f. around \$305 million |
| 7. many car showrooms full | g. Paris' famous street |
| 8. people who wanted to buy | h. of luxury cars |
| 9. the full | i. heart of the French capital |
| 10. The budget for the project is | j. for pedestrians |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are (1) _____ plans to transform Paris' (2) _____ street the Champs-Elysees. She said she wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the (3) _____ of the French capital. It (4) _____ the Place de la Concorde with the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many Parisians (5) _____ it looks old. They want it to look more modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to (6) _____ the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for (7) _____. She also wants to plant more trees to make it (8) _____ and more attractive.

heart
believe
greener
ambitious
pedestrians
famous
reduce
joins

The Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car showrooms full of (9) _____ cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a (10) _____ for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands. Today, it looks like many (11) _____ streets in the world. It is full of international (12) _____ stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a decade to (13) _____ the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will (14) _____ the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full (15) _____ of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The (16) _____ for the project is around \$305 million.

chain
budget
magnet
redo
other
length
luxury
beautify

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

- 1) The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there _____
 - a. are ambitious plants
 - b. are ambitious plans
 - c. are ambitious planes
 - d. are ambitious plan
- 2) She said she wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into _____
 - a. an "extraordinary gardener"
 - b. an "extraordinary garden"
 - c. an "extraordinary gardens"
 - d. an "extraordinary gardened"
- 3) The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of _____
 - a. the French capital
 - b. the French cap it all
 - c. the French cap italic
 - d. the French capitals
- 4) She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more _____
 - a. room for pedestrians
 - b. roomy for pedestrians
 - c. roomed for pedestrians
 - d. roomer for pedestrians
- 5) She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener _____
 - a. and more attractively
 - b. and more attraction
 - c. and more attractive
 - d. and more attentive
- 6) The Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and _____
 - a. elegantly Paris was
 - b. elegance Paris was
 - c. elephant Paris was
 - d. elegant Paris was
- 7) There were many car showrooms full _____
 - a. if luxury cars
 - b. off luxury cars
 - c. of luxury car
 - d. of luxury cars
- 8) It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy _____
 - a. the latest bands
 - b. the latest brands
 - c. the latest bland
 - d. the latest bards
- 9) fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a _____
 - a. decade at beautify
 - b. decade of beautify
 - c. decade from beautify
 - d. decade to beautify
- 10) We will redo the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then _____
 - a. the full lengthen
 - b. the full length
 - c. the full lengths
 - d. the full lengthens

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

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The Champs-Elysees (7) _____ sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car showrooms full (8) _____, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy (9) _____. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a (10) _____ the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We (11) _____ Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then (12) _____ of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is around \$305 million.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

1. What adjective did the article use to describe the Mayor's plans?
2. How long is the Champs Elysees?
3. What does the Champs Elysees join to the Place de la Concorde?
4. What does the mayor want to cut the number of?
5. For whom does the mayor want to make more room?
6. What did many showrooms used to have on the Champs Elysees?
7. Who did the writer say the Champs Elysees was a magnet for?
8. What is the Champs Elysees full of besides restaurants and coffee shops?
9. How many years will it take to beautify the Champs Elysees?
10. How much will the Champs Elysees project cost?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

- 1) What adjective did the article use to describe the Mayor's plans?
 - a) wonderful
 - b) amazing
 - c) ambitious
 - d) crazy
- 2) How long is the Champs Elysees?
 - a) 1.9km
 - b) 1.8km
 - c) 1.7km
 - d) 1.6km
- 3) What does the Champs Elysees join to the Place de la Concorde?
 - a) the Louvre
 - b) the Eiffel Tower
 - c) the Pompidou Centre
 - d) the Arc de Triomphe
- 4) What does the mayor want to cut the number of?
 - a) shops
 - b) car lanes
 - c) pedestrians
 - d) tourists
- 5) For whom does the mayor want to make more room?
 - a) drivers
 - b) tourists
 - c) pedestrians
 - d) trees
- 6) What did many showrooms used to have on the Champs Elysees?
 - a) furniture
 - b) luxury cars
 - c) electrical appliances
 - d) computer stores
- 7) Who did the writer say the Champs Elysees was a magnet for?
 - a) children
 - b) scientists
 - c) physicists
 - d) rich people
- 8) What is the Champs Elysees full of besides restaurants and coffee shops?
 - a) charity shops
 - b) international chain stores
 - c) supermarkets
 - d) travel agencies
- 9) How many years will it take to beautify the Champs Elysees?
 - a) ten years (a decade)
 - b) nine years
 - c) eight years
 - d) five years
- 10) How much will the Champs Elysees project cost?
 - a) exactly \$305 million
 - b) just over \$305 million
 - c) just under \$305 million
 - d) around \$305 million

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

Role A – Paris

You think Paris 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, Tokyo or New York.

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): Paris, Tokyo or New York.

Role C – Tokyo

You think Tokyo 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, Paris or New York.

Role D – New York

You think New York 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, Tokyo or Paris.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

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

street	garden

- 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">• ambitious• turn• heart• often• modern• plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• showed• luxury• chain• decade• redo• budget
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PARIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Paris 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.

PARIS 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 'Paris'?
3. What do you know about Paris?
4. What do you want to know about Paris?
5. What is your town like for gardens?
6. What do you think of the mayor of your town?
7. Do you have any ambitious plans?
8. How beautiful is your town?
9. Should towns have more space for pedestrians?
10. Should all towns have many more trees?

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PARIS 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 'garden'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important are gardens?
15. What is an extraordinary garden for you?
16. How interested are you in the latest brands?
17. Are international chains making the world's streets look the same?
18. What would you do to beautify your town?
19. What would you do as mayor?
20. What questions would you like to ask the mayor?

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 Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and (7) _____ Paris was. There were many car showrooms full of luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a (8) _____ for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international (9) _____ stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a (10) _____ to beautify the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will (11) _____ the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget (12) _____ the project is around \$305 million.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) ambition | (b) ambitious | (c) ambitions | (d) ambitiously |
| 2. | (a) twist | (b) turn | (c) swivel | (d) spiral |
| 3. | (a) stomach | (b) brain | (c) lungs | (d) heart |
| 4. | (a) view | (b) look | (c) see | (d) watch |
| 5. | (a) deduce | (b) reduce | (c) induce | (d) seduce |
| 6. | (a) shrub | (b) branch | (c) plant | (d) twig |
| 7. | (a) elegance | (b) elegantly | (c) elegant | (d) elongate |
| 8. | (a) microscope | (b) test tube | (c) magnet | (d) petri dish |
| 9. | (a) chin | (b) charge | (c) chance | (d) chain |
| 10. | (a) decade | (b) charge | (c) rational | (d) long |
| 11. | (a) redo | (b) undo | (c) to-do | (d) dodo |
| 12. | (a) at | (b) as | (c) for | (d) up |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

Paragraph 1

1. there are ubitmsiao plans
2. in the heart of the French catilpa
3. They want it to look more ormnde
4. ecderu the amount of traffic
5. make more room for pedtnrissea
6. greener and more rtaavtceti

Paragraph 2

7. how sophisticated and eentgal Paris was
8. showrooms full of xruyul cars
9. It was a gantem for rich people
10. fautyeb the Champs Elysees
11. the full etgnlh of the avenue
12. The tdubeg for the project

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will redo the Place de la Concorde
- () street the Champs-Elysees. She said she wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart
- () stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a decade to beautify the Champs Elysees. Work will
- () more modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to reduce the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants
- () to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for
- () pedestrians. She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more attractive.
- () The Champs-Elysees once showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car
- () beautiful avenue in the world". However, many Parisians believe it looks old. They want it to look
- () brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international chain
- () showrooms full of luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy the latest
- () before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be
- (**1**) The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are ambitious plans to transform Paris' famous
- () of the French capital. It joins the Place de la Concorde with the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most
- () an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is around \$305 million.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

1. street . Paris' Ambitious transform to famous plans
2. is often beautiful called avenue . most It the
3. it more modern . want look They to
4. cars . the cut number She to of wants
5. wants trees . more to plant She also
6. of luxury were There showrooms cars . full many
7. a for It magnet rich was people .
8. looks streets . Today, other many like it
9. start 2024 . will on Work it after
10. project \$305 million . is The the for budget

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are *ambition / ambitious* plans to transform Paris' *famous / famously* street the Champs-Elysees. She said she wants to *turn / twist* the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the *stomach / heart* of the French capital. It joins the Place de la Concorde *as / with* the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most beautiful avenue *on / in* the world". However, many Parisians believe it looks old. They want it to look *more / many* modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to *reduction / reduce* the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants to cut the number of car *lanes / canes* to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more *attraction / attractive*.

The Champs-Elysees *one / once* showed how sophisticated and *elegance / elegant* Paris was. There were many car showrooms full *to / of* luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a *repellant / magnet* for rich people who wanted to buy the *latte / latest* brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international *chain / lock* stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a *decade / ten years* to beautify the Champs Elysees. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will *undo / redo* the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full *length / long* of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the *protect / project* is around \$305 million.

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_ m_y_r _f P_r_s, _nn_ H_d_lg_, h_s s__d th_r_ _r_ _mb_t__s pl_ns t_ tr_nsf_rm P_r_s' f_m__s str__t th_ Ch_mps-_lys__s. Sh_ s__d sh_ w_nts t_ t_rn th_ 1.9km _v_n__ _nt_ _n " _xtr__rd_n_ry g_rdn". Th_ Ch_mps-_lys__s _s _n th_ h__rt _f th_ Fr_nch c_p_t_l. _t j__ns th_ Pl_c_ d_ l_ C_nc_rdn_ w_th th_ _rc d_ Tr__mph_. _t _s _ft_n c_ll_d "th_ m_st b__t_f_l _v_n__ _n th_ w_rld". H_w_v_r, m_ny P_r_s__ns b_l__v_ _t l__ks _ld. Th_y w_nt _t t_ l__k m_r_ m_d_rn. Ms H_d_lg_ s__d sh_ w_nts t_ r_d_c_ th_ _m__nt _f tr_ff_c _n th_ _v_n__. Sh_ w_nts t_ c_t th_ n_mb_r _f c_r l_n_s t_ m_k_ m_r_ r__m fr p_d_str__ns. Sh_ _ls_ w_nts t_ pl_nt m_r_ tr__s t_ m_k_ _t gr__n_r _nd m_r_ _ttr_ct_v_.

Th_ Ch_mps-_lys__s _nc_ sh_w_d h_w s_ph_st_c_t_d _nd _l_g_nt P_r_s w_s. Th_r_ w_r_ m_ny c_r sh_wr__ms f_ll _f l_x_ry c_rs, _nd ch_c d_s_gnr f_sh__n st_r_s. _t w_s _ m_gnt fr r_ch p__pl_ wh_ w_nt_d t_ b_y th_ l_t_st br_nds. T_d_y, _t l__ks l_k_ m_ny _th_r str__ts _n th_ w_rld. _t _s f_ll _f _nt_rn_t__n_l ch__n st_r_s, f_st f__d r_st__r_nts _nd c_ff__ sh_ps. _t w_ll t_k_ _ d_c_d_ t_ b__t_fy th_ Ch_mps _lys__s. W_rk w_ll st_rt _n _t _ft_r th_ 2024 P_r_s _lymp_cs. Ms H_d_lg_ s__d: "W_ w_ll r_d_ th_ Pl_c_ d_ l_ C_nc_rdn_ b_f_r_ th_ _lymp_c G_m_s, th_n th_ f_ll l_ngth _f th_ _v_n__ _ft_rw_rds. _t w_ll b_ _n _xtr__rd_n_ry g_rdn." Th_ b_dg_t fr th_ pr_j_ct _s _r__nd \$305 m_ll__n.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the mayor of paris anne hidalgo has said there are ambitious plans to transform paris famous street the champselysees she said she wants to turn the 19km avenue into an extraordinary garden the champselysees is in the heart of the french capital it joins the place de la concorde with the arc de triomphe it is often called the most beautiful avenue in the world however many parisians believe it looks old they want it to look more modern ms hidalgo said she wants to reduce the amount of traffic on the avenue she wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians she also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more attractive

the champselysees once showed how sophisticated and elegant paris was there were many car showrooms full of luxury cars and chic designer fashion stores it was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands today it looks like many other streets in the world it is full of international chain stores fast food restaurants and coffee shops it will take a decade to beautify the champs elysees work will start on it after the 2024 paris olympics ms hidalgo said we will redo the place de la concorde before the olympic games then the full length of the avenue afterwards it will be an extraordinary garden the budget for the project is around 305 million

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, has said there are ambitious plans to transform Paris' famous street the Champs-Élysées. She said she wants to turn the 1.9 km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Élysées is in the heart of the French capital. It joins the Place de la Concorde with the Arc de Triomphe. It is often called "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many Parisians believe it looks old. They want it to look more modern. Ms Hidalgo said she wants to reduce the amount of traffic on the avenue. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant more trees to make it greener and more attractive. The Champs-Élysées once showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were many car showrooms full of luxury cars, and chic designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people who wanted to buy the latest brands. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world. It is full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. It will take a decade to beautify the Champs-Élysées. Work will start on it after the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ms Hidalgo said: "We will redo the Place de la Concorde before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is around \$305 million.

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

Write about **Paris** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees.html>

All towns and cities should increase the number and size of their gardens. 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. PARIS: Make a poster about Paris. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BEAUTIFY: Write a magazine article about all cities starting projects to make themselves more beautiful. 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 Paris. 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. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Ambitious
2. 1.9km
3. The Arc de Triomphe
4. Car lanes
5. Pedestrians
6. Luxury cars
7. Rich people
8. International chain stores
9. Ten years (a decade)
10. Around \$305 million

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Ambitious plans to transform Paris' famous street.
2. It is often called the most beautiful avenue.
3. They want it to look more modern.
4. She wants to cut the number of cars.
5. She also wants to plant more trees.
6. There were many showrooms full of luxury cars.
7. It was a magnet for rich people.
8. Today, it looks like many other streets.
9. Work will start on it after 2024.
10. The budget for the project is \$305 million.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 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 ;-)