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**Level 1** – 28th January, 2021

## Fans get inside space bubbles for rock concert

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert-1.html>

The 'World's First Space Bubble Concert' took place. People at the Flaming Lips concert were all in 100 giant bubbles called Zorbs. All band members were inside their own bubble. Some bubbles contained three people. The bubbles may let concerts go ahead during the pandemic. Every bubble has a speaker, a water bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee" sign. Workers fill the bubble with cool air if it gets too hot.

Lead singer Wayne Coyne thought of the bubble concerts. He uses a Zorb to roll over the crowd at his concerts. He thought bubble concerts would be COVID-safe and "safer than going to the grocery store". He said: "It's a weird event, but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting...everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited...people really having fun....I think it's [the] 'new normal'....I think we're going to...work it out."

Sources: <https://www.loudersound.com/news/the-flaming-lips-bubble-concert-could-be-a-blueprint-to-revolutionise-the-live-music-circuit>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-55794674>  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/flaming-lips-concert-perform-inflatable-bubbles-oklahoma/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. 100 giant bubbles         | a. air          |
| 2. band members were         | b. people       |
| 3. bubbles contained three   | c. pee          |
| 4. let concerts go           | d. hot          |
| 5. a battery-operated        | e. ahead        |
| 6. I gotta go                | f. called Zorbs |
| 7. fill the bubble with cool | g. fan          |
| 8. if it gets too            | h. inside       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. lead                     | a. concert       |
| 2. concerts would be COVID- | b. normal        |
| 3. safer than going to the  | c. safe          |
| 4. so we can enjoy a        | d. work it out   |
| 5. putting everybody at     | e. fun           |
| 6. people really having     | f. grocery store |
| 7. I think it's new         | g. singer        |
| 8. we're going to           | h. risk          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lead singer Wayne Coyne (7) \_\_\_\_\_ bubble concerts. He uses a Zorb to roll (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at his concerts. He thought bubble concerts would be COVID-safe and "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the grocery store". He said: "It's a weird event, but the weirdness (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can enjoy a concert before putting... (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "You see people excited...people really having fun....I think it's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ ...I think we're going to...work it out."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CONCERTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210128-space-bubble-concert-4.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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

