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**Level 2 – 9th June, 2021**

## Supersonic passenger jets could be flying by 2029

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Supersonic passenger planes could be in the skies this decade. Supersonic means faster than the speed of sound, which is 1,234.8kph. United Airlines plans to buy 15 supersonic jets from a company called Boom Supersonic. The planes will fly up to 88 passengers, all in business class. The planes will have a top speed of 2,099kph. Most modern airplanes have a cruising speed of around 1,000kph. The new planes will cut the time it takes to fly from London to New York. It will take less than four hours. It currently takes around 7 1/2 hours.

The jets ordered by United Airlines will be the first supersonic jets to make commercial flights since 2003. The cost of the supersonic tickets will be about the same as regular business class tickets. Previously, the cost of a ticket on a supersonic airliner was over 20 times higher than economy class tickets. Only the super-rich could afford one. The new planes will be more fuel-efficient and profitable. Flights will be net-zero carbon and use sustainable fuel. The cost of each airplane is approximately \$200 million. Boom already has around \$6 billion in orders.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. faster than the speed       | a. time it takes to fly |
| 2. The planes will fly up      | b. class                |
| 3. business                    | c. around 7 1/2 hours   |
| 4. planes will have a top      | d. of sound             |
| 5. a cruising speed of         | e. than four hours      |
| 6. The new planes will cut the | f. to 88 passengers     |
| 7. It will take less           | g. around 1,000kph      |
| 8. It currently takes          | h. speed of 2,099kph    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 1. make commercial                     | a. zero carbon   |
| 2. the same as regular business        | b. each airplane |
| 3. more fuel-                          | c. flights       |
| 4. Flights will be net-                | d. in orders     |
| 5. use sustainable                     | e. class tickets |
| 6. The cost of                         | f. \$200 million |
| 7. approximately                       | g. fuel          |
| 8. Boom already has around \$6 billion | h. efficient     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The jets ordered by United Airlines will be the first supersonic jets to make (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 2003. The cost of the supersonic tickets will be about the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ business class tickets. Previously, the cost of a ticket on a supersonic airliner was over 20 times (9) \_\_\_\_\_ class tickets. Only the super-rich could afford one. The new planes will be more fuel-(10) \_\_\_\_\_. Flights will be net-zero carbon and use sustainable fuel. The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ airplane is approximately \$200 million. Boom already has around \$6 (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

