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Level 0 – 3rd February, 2022

The New York Times buys Wordle

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The New York Times bought Wordle. The paper has many games. Wordle is a new game. It was uploaded in October. It is now a worldwide craze. Social media is full of posts from people playing it and sharing their score. The price the New York Times paid was "in the low seven figures". The newspaper called it a "magical game".

Wordle's maker made Wordle for his partner to play. He said: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined." Ninety people played it on the day of its release. Millions now play it every day. Players have to guess a five-letter word. They get feedback if the letters they have used are correct or not. The game will be free for now.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2022/1/31/22911274/wordle-new-york-times-free-word-game-acquisition>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The paper | a. score |
| 2. It was uploaded | b. craze |
| 3. It is now a worldwide | c. figures |
| 4. Social media is full | d. in October |
| 5. sharing their | e. "magical game" |
| 6. The price the New York Times | f. of posts |
| 7. in the low seven | g. has many games |
| 8. The newspaper called it a | h. paid |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. bigger than I ever | a. letter word |
| 2. on the day | b. or not |
| 3. Millions now | c. feedback |
| 4. Players have to guess a five- | d. of its release |
| 5. They get | e. free for now |
| 6. the letters they | f. imagined |
| 7. correct | g. have used |
| 8. The game will be | h. play it every day |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The New York Times bought Wordle. The (1) _____

games. Wordle is a new game. It (2) _____

October. It is now (3) _____. Social media is full

of posts from people playing it and (4) _____.

The price the New York Times paid was "in the

(5) _____". The newspaper called it

(6) _____.

Wordle's maker made Wordle (7) _____ to play.

He said: "The game (8) _____ than I ever

imagined." Ninety (9) _____ on the day of its

release. Millions now (10) _____ day. Players

have to guess a (11) _____. They get feedback if

the letters they have used are correct or not. The game will be

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORDLE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Wordle 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) _____

