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The New York Times buys Wordle

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

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THE READING

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The New York Times has bought Wordle. The paper is well known for its games. Wordle is a new online game. It was first uploaded in October. It is now a worldwide craze. Social media sites are full of posts from people playing it and sharing their score. The New York Times paid "in the low seven figures" for Wordle. It was excited to publish the game. It wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become its new home." It was "proud" of this "magical game".

Wordle's creator is a software engineer. He made his game for his partner to play. He was surprised that 90 people played it on the day of its release. Millions now play it every day. The creator said: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined." Wordle players have to guess a five-letter word. They get feedback on which of the letters they have used are correct. The New York Times said that "initially" the game would stay free.

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 is well known | a. of posts |
| 2. It is now a worldwide | b. be more thrilled |
| 3. Social media sites are full | c. figures |
| 4. sharing | d. game |
| 5. in the low seven | e. their score |
| 6. It was excited to publish | f. craze |
| 7. We could not | g. the game |
| 8. proud of this magical | h. for its games |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a software | a. feedback |
| 2. He made his game for his partner | b. every day |
| 3. Millions now play it | c. stay free |
| 4. The game has got bigger than | d. to play |
| 5. players have to guess a five- | e. correct |
| 6. They get | f. I ever imagined |
| 7. letters they have used are | g. letter word |
| 8. initially the game would | h. engineer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The New York Times has bought Wordle. The paper (1) _____ for its games. Wordle is a new online game. It (2) _____ in October. It is now a worldwide craze. Social media sites are (3) _____ from people playing it and sharing their score. The New York Times paid "in the (4) _____" for Wordle. It was excited to publish the game. It wrote: "We could not (5) _____ to become its new home." It was "proud" of (6) _____.

Wordle's creator is (7) _____. He made his game for his partner to play. He (8) _____ 90 people played it on the day (9) _____. Millions now play it every day. The creator said: "The game has got bigger than (10) _____." Wordle players have to guess a five-letter word. They get feedback (11) _____ the letters they have used are correct. The New York Times (12) _____ the game would stay free.

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) _____

