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The New York Times buys Wordle

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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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The New York Times has bought the word game Wordle. The paper is well known for publishing games. Wordle is the latest addition to its list. Wordle is a new online game. Its maker, Josh Wardle, uploaded it in October. Since then, it has become a worldwide craze. Social media sites are now full of posts from people playing it and sharing their score. The newspaper said it paid "an undisclosed price in the low seven figures" for Wordle. It was excited it could publish the game. It wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become its new home." It was "proud" of this "magical game".

Mr Wardle was a software engineer for the site Reddit. He made Wordle for his partner to play. He released it in October and was surprised that 90 people played it on the day of its release. Millions now play it every day. Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined." He said he was surprised because he made it "for an audience of one". Wordle players have six attempts to guess a five-letter word. The game gives players feedback on which of the letters they have used are correct. The New York Times said that "initially" the game would remain 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. full of posts |
| 2. the latest addition | b. game |
| 3. Social media sites are now | c. figures |
| 4. it paid an undisclosed | d. to its list |
| 5. in the low seven | e. more thrilled |
| 6. excited it could publish | f. for publishing |
| 7. We could not be | g. the game |
| 8. It was proud of this magical | h. price |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a software | a. feedback |
| 2. on the day | b. than I ever imagined |
| 3. The game has got bigger | c. are correct |
| 4. he made it for an | d. of its release |
| 5. six attempts to guess | e. would remain free |
| 6. The game gives players | f. audience of one |
| 7. letters they have used | g. a five-letter word |
| 8. initially the game | h. engineer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The New York Times has (1) _____ game Wordle. The paper is well known for publishing games. Wordle is the latest addition (2) _____. Wordle is a new online game. Its maker, Josh Wardle, uploaded it in October. Since then, it has become (3) _____. Social media sites are now full of posts from people playing it and sharing their score. The newspaper said it paid "(4) _____ in the low seven figures" for Wordle. It was excited it could publish the game. It wrote: "We could not (5) _____ to become its new home." It was "proud" of (6) _____.

Mr Wardle was (7) _____ for the site Reddit. He made Wordle for his (8) _____. He released it in October and was surprised that 90 people played it on the day (9) _____. Millions now play it every day. Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than (10) _____." He said he was surprised because he made it "for an audience of one". Wordle players have six (11) _____ a five-letter word. The game gives players feedback on which of the letters they have used are correct. The New York Times (12) _____ the game would remain 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Wordle** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
