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Minecraft video "more popular than Bieber"

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THE READING

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Minecraft can be a worry for parents. Their children spend endless hours in their own cyber-world. One man has made millions of fans and a small fortune from the game. Joseph Garrett makes YouTube videos in his bedroom about his Minecraft adventures. He gets 30 million hits a week - more than Justin Bieber. He is a celebrity in the gaming world. He told the BBC: "I'm really happy, I'm not going to lie, I think I've got the best job in the world."

Minecraft has 100 million registered users. Teachers say it is useful in the classroom. Gamepedia.com says it, "can have huge educational benefits....It can help teach numerous subjects both with and without adults". Minecraft can be faster than traditional education because children are more motivated. They feel what they learn is more useful. Kids pick up skills in maths, geometry, music and science, as well as social skills and computer coding.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-26327661>
http://minecraft.gamepedia.com/Minecraft_in_education
<http://www.npr.org/2014/03/04/285744084/can-playing-minecraft-teach-kids-to-code>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Minecraft can be a | a. the gaming world |
| 2. children spend endless | b. fortune |
| 3. a small | c. worry for parents |
| 4. He gets 30 million | d. going to lie |
| 5. He is a celebrity in | e. hours in their own cyber-world |
| 6. I'm not | f. hits a week |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Minecraft has 100 million | a. benefits |
| 2. have huge educational | b. motivated |
| 3. It can help teach | c. coding |
| 4. children are more | d. up skills in maths |
| 5. Kids pick | e. numerous subjects |
| 6. computer | f. registered users |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Minecraft (1) _____ parents. Their children spend endless hours in (2) _____. One man has made millions of fans and a (3) _____ game. Joseph Garrett makes YouTube videos in his bedroom about his Minecraft adventures. (4) _____ a week - more than Justin Bieber. He is a celebrity (5) _____. He told the BBC: "I'm really happy, I'm not going to lie, I think I've got the (6) _____."

Minecraft has 100 (7) _____. Teachers say it is useful in the classroom. Gamepedia.com says it, "can (8) _____ benefits....It can help (9) _____ both with and without adults". Minecraft (10) _____ traditional education because children are more motivated. They feel (11) _____ more useful. Kids pick up skills in maths, geometry, music and science, as well as social skills (12) _____.

ONLINE GAMES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online games 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

