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Level 2

Zombies would wipe out humans in 100 days

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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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We all know zombies are only in horror movies. Or do we? An article in a University of Leicester physics journal predicts that zombies could kill most people on Earth in just 100 days. Students predicted there would only be 273 survivors of a zombie apocalypse. The students were not using real zombies. Instead, they pretended a deadly virus had infected someone and spread around the world. One person with the virus would have a 90 per cent chance of giving it to another person every day. At that rate, the human population would fall to just 273 people by day 100.

A professor at the university explained why students did research using zombies, even though they do not exist. He said: "Every year we ask students to write short papers for the 'Journal of Physics Special Topics'. It lets the students show off their creative side and apply some of the physics they know." He also said it gives students practice in writing and checking academic papers. He added that it tested the ability of students to use their understanding of physics to imaginary situations. This could help in the future to prepare us for real-life disasters.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. zombies are only | a. survivors |
| 2. there would only be 273 | b. infected someone |
| 3. a zombie | c. day 100 |
| 4. a deadly virus had | d. chance |
| 5. spread | e. in horror movies |
| 6. have a 90 per cent | f. fall |
| 7. the human population would | g. around the world |
| 8. just 273 people by | h. apocalypse |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A professor at the university | a. off their creative side |
| 2. students did research | b. do not exist |
| 3. even though they | c. papers |
| 4. ask students to write | d. using zombies |
| 5. It lets the students show | e. situations |
| 6. writing and checking academic | f. explained why |
| 7. imaginary | g. life disasters |
| 8. prepare us for real- | h. short papers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A professor (7) _____ explained why students did research using zombies, even (8) _____ not exist. He said: "Every year we ask students (9) _____ papers for the 'Journal of Physics Special Topics'. It lets the students show off their creative side (10) _____ of the physics they know." He also said it gives students practice in writing and checking academic papers. He added that it tested the ability of students (11) _____ understanding of physics to imaginary situations. This could help in the future to prepare us for (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ZOMBIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about zombies 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) _____

