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Level 0 – 2nd September, 2019

Luxury 51-country, 8-month cruise sets sail

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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 Ultimate World Cruise set sail on Sunday. It could be the longest cruise ever. It is 245 days long. It will stop in 51 countries on six continents. The chairman of the cruise company said the cruise was the biggest tour available. He said: "I am pleased to offer such a unique experience."

The cruise isn't cheap. Tickets were a minimum of \$81,000. They all sold out. Guests will live in luxury. The ship has eight restaurants with a different menu for every day of the cruise. Menus will match the countries visited. A spokesman said: "There is more food than you can ever imagine." The ship also has two swimming pools.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2019/aug/30/around-the-world-in-245-days-just-67k-for-voyage-of-a-lifetime>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. set | a. long |
| 2. It could be the longest | b. unique experience |
| 3. It is 245 days | c. continents |
| 4. It will stop in | d. cruise ever |
| 5. on six | e. available |
| 6. The chairman of the cruise | f. sail on Sunday |
| 7. the biggest tour | g. 51 countries |
| 8. pleased to offer such a | h. company |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The cruise isn't | a. out |
| 2. Tickets were a minimum | b. ever imagine |
| 3. They all sold | c. for every day |
| 4. Guests will live in | d. swimming pools |
| 5. a different menu | e. countries visited |
| 6. Menus will match the | f. cheap |
| 7. more food than you can | g. luxury |
| 8. The ship also has two | h. of \$81,000 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Ultimate World Cruise (1) _____ Sunday. It could be (2) _____ ever. It is 245 days long. It will stop in 51 (3) _____ continents. The chairman of (4) _____ said the cruise was (5) _____ available. He said: "I am pleased to offer (6) _____ experience."

The cruise isn't cheap. Tickets (7) _____ of \$81,000. They (8) _____. Guests will live in luxury. The (9) _____ restaurants with a different menu for every day (10) _____. Menus will match the countries visited. A spokesman said: "There is (11) _____ you can ever imagine." The ship (12) _____ swimming pools.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LUXURY CRUISES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190902-luxury-cruise-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about luxury cruises 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) _____

