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Level 1 – 2nd September, 2019

Luxury 51-country, 8-month cruise sets sail

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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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Have you been on a luxury cruise? The Ultimate World Cruise set sail on Sunday. It could be the longest cruise ever. The 245-day trip will stop at 111 ports in 51 countries on six continents. The chairman of the cruise company said: "We have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow them to explore the world in comfort. Our...cruise is the most extensive [trip] available....I am pleased to offer such a unique experience."

The cruise isn't cheap. Passengers paid a minimum of \$81,000 each, but all 930 tickets were sold. Guests will live in luxury. The ship has eight restaurants. There is a different menu for every day of the cruise. Special menus will match the destinations. A spokesman said: "There is more food than you can ever imagine." The ship also has two swimming pools, a spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the ceiling.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2019/aug/30/around-the-world-in-245-days-just-67k-for-voyage-of-a-lifetime>
https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/travel_news/article-7411227/Viking-Sun-aims-break-record-longest-continuous-passenger-cruise.html
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. set | a. in comfort |
| 2. The 245-day trip will stop at | b. travelers |
| 3. 51 countries | c. unique experience |
| 4. The chairman of the | d. 111 ports |
| 5. connecting | e. available |
| 6. allow them to explore the world | f. on six continents |
| 7. the most extensive trip | g. sail on Sunday |
| 8. I am pleased to offer such a | h. cruise company |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Passengers paid a minimum | a. swimming pools |
| 2. Guests will live | b. of \$81,000 each |
| 3. The ship has | c. from the ceiling |
| 4. a different menu for every | d. the destinations |
| 5. Special menus will match | e. in luxury |
| 6. more food than you can | f. day of the cruise |
| 7. The ship also has two | g. ever imagine |
| 8. snowflakes fall | h. eight restaurants |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Have you (1) _____ luxury cruise? The Ultimate World Cruise set sail on Sunday. It could (2) _____ cruise ever. The 245-day trip will stop at 111 ports in 51 countries (3) _____. The chairman of the cruise company said: "We have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow (4) _____ the world in comfort. Our...cruise (5) _____ extensive [trip] available....I am pleased to offer (6) _____ experience."

The cruise isn't cheap. Passengers (7) _____ of \$81,000 each, but all 930 (8) _____. Guests will live in luxury. The (9) _____ restaurants. There is a different menu for (10) _____ the cruise. Special menus will match the destinations. A spokesman said: "There is more food than you (11) _____." The ship also has two swimming pools, a spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall (12) _____.

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) _____

WRITING

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