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Level 4 – 2nd January, 2020

The 2020s are here - Happy New Decade

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The clock struck twelve and people worldwide wondered what the new decade has in store for us. Many hope the 2020s will improve things for them and the Earth. The 2010s were a little chaotic. Global warming put our existence in danger; wars continue around the world; millions still lack clean water and education; and thousands of species became extinct. Technology and more cooperation between nations will hopefully make the 2020s better.

A technology website predicted our lives will be more like science fiction. It wrote: "The decade...will take us even further toward a world where far-out ideas like hooking brains up to computers, and even immortality, become topics of serious conversation." A futurologist wrote about flying cars and unlimited clean energy. He said: "The 2020s will be when the incredible promises of technology finally happen." Let's talk in 2030 to see if this comes true.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. what the new decade | a. a little chaotic |
| 2. Many hope the 2020s will | b. better |
| 3. The 2010s were | c. clean water |
| 4. Global warming put our | d. improve things |
| 5. millions still lack | e. nations |
| 6. thousands of species | f. has in store for us |
| 7. more cooperation between | g. became extinct |
| 8. make the 2020s | h. existence in danger |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. far- | a. cars |
| 2. hooking brains | b. out ideas |
| 3. topics of serious | c. true |
| 4. A futurologist wrote about flying | d. conversation |
| 5. unlimited clean | e. happen |
| 6. the incredible promises of | f. energy |
| 7. finally | g. up to computers |
| 8. see if this comes | h. technology |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ and people worldwide wondered what the new decade has (2) _____ us. Many hope the 2020s will improve things for them and the Earth. The 2010s were (3) _____. Global warming put (4) _____ danger; wars continue around the world; millions (5) _____ water and education; and thousands of species became extinct. Technology and more cooperation between nations (6) _____ the 2020s better.

A technology website predicted our lives will be more (7) _____. It wrote: "The decade...will take us even further toward a world (8) _____ like hooking brains up to computers, and even immortality, become (9) _____ conversation." A futurologist wrote about flying cars (10) _____ energy. He said: "The 2020s will be when (11) _____ of technology finally happen." Let's talk in 2030 to see if (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE 2020s SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the 2020s 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 **the 2020s** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
