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**Level 1** – 29th April, 2020

## Google Meet video conferencing platform improved

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200429-google-meet-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200429-google-meet-1.html>

Google has made its video conferencing platform Meet better. One new feature is users can see 16 people on their screen. Previously, there were only four people. Meet's new gallery view comes when more people around the world are using video conferencing. People are speaking to family and friends during lockdown; companies are having meetings online; and schools changed from classroom teaching to online teaching.

Meet will help millions around the world in lockdown. Google wrote: "Remote work has become increasingly necessary for public safety and wellbeing." It said growing numbers of people are using Meet. Google says Meet lets people "share and be productive". New features will come soon. People can block out the background noise when others type. Users can also make the video quality better if their room is too dark.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200429-google-meet-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. video conferencing            | a. teaching              |
| 2. users can see 16 people       | b. classroom teaching    |
| 3. Previously, there             | c. on their screen       |
| 4. more people around            | d. online                |
| 5. People are speaking to        | e. were only four people |
| 6. companies are having meetings | f. the world             |
| 7. schools changed from          | g. family and friends    |
| 8. online                        | h. platform              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Meet will help millions | a. noise            |
| 2. Remote                  | b. necessary        |
| 3. become increasingly     | c. too dark         |
| 4. for public safety and   | d. quality better   |
| 5. New features will       | e. around the world |
| 6. background              | f. work             |
| 7. make the video          | g. come soon        |
| 8. if their room is        | h. wellbeing        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google (1) \_\_\_\_\_ video conferencing platform Meet better. One new (2) \_\_\_\_\_ can see 16 people on their screen. Previously, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ four people. Meet's new (4) \_\_\_\_\_ when more people around the world are using video conferencing. People are speaking to family and (5) \_\_\_\_\_; companies are having meetings online; and schools changed from classroom teaching (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Meet will help millions around (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lockdown. Google wrote: "Remote (8) \_\_\_\_\_ increasingly necessary for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ wellbeing." It said growing numbers of people are using Meet. Google says Meet lets people "share (10) \_\_\_\_\_". New features will come soon. People can (11) \_\_\_\_\_ background noise when others type. Users can also make the video quality better if their room (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# VIDEO CONFERENCING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200429-google-meet-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about video conferencing 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) \_\_\_\_\_

