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Level 4 – 26th July, 2020

Man proposes beneath once-in-6,800-year comet

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal-4.html>

A man proposed to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be 7,000 years before anyone else can get down on one knee and do the same. Mr Nicotera loves space. He knew the rare comet would fly by for a short time. He planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being in the night sky.

Ms Pendrak immediately accepted the proposal. She told reporters she was going to see the once-in-a-lifetime event. She got the surprise of her life when John proposed. She said: "I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I felt instant chills and pure happiness." A friend photographed the proposal as the comet whizzed by across the heavens. John and Erica like seeing historical events together. John said: "I'm massively in love with this girl."

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-8557803/Man-propose-Neowise-comet-appears-6-800-years.html>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/21/us/neowise-comet-engagements-trnd/index.html>
<https://fox6now.com/2020/07/23/couple-captures-stellar-engagement-photos-under-comet-neowise/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A man proposed | a. every 6,800 years |
| 2. an event that occurs just once | b. one knee |
| 3. popped the | c. a short time |
| 4. the Neowise comet passed | d. to his fiancée |
| 5. get down on | e. same |
| 6. do the | f. in the night sky |
| 7. fly by for | g. over their heads |
| 8. coincide with the comet being | h. question |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ms Pendrak immediately accepted | a. the heavens |
| 2. see the once-in-a- | b. tears and everything |
| 3. She got the surprise | c. love with this girl |
| 4. I was just completely shocked - | d. happiness |
| 5. I felt instant chills and pure | e. events together |
| 6. whizzed by across | f. lifetime event |
| 7. seeing historical | g. of her life |
| 8. I'm massively in | h. the proposal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man proposed to his fiancée (1) _____ that occurs just once every 6,800 years. John Nicotera, 33, (2) _____ to Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet (3) _____ heads. It will be 7,000 years (4) _____ can get down on (5) _____ do the same. Mr Nicotera loves space. He knew the rare comet would fly by for a short time. He planned his proposal (6) _____ the comet being in the night sky.

Ms Pendrak immediately (1) _____. She told reporters she was going to see the (2) _____ event. She got the (3) _____ life when John proposed. She said: "I was just completely shocked - (4) _____. I felt instant chills and pure happiness." A friend photographed (5) _____ the comet whizzed by (6) _____. John and Erica like seeing historical events together. John said: "I'm massively in love with this girl."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MARRIAGE PROPOSAL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about marriage proposal 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) _____

