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Level 1 – 31st December, 2020

2020 - A year we will never forget

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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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At the start of 2020, people thought it would be a great year. Few knew it would be a rollercoaster ride and that the world would change. The biggest news in 2020 was COVID-19. Many people died, economies suffered, there were lockdowns and people wore masks. The death of George Floyd in the USA started the Black Lives Matter movement and global protests. In November, Joe Biden was voted as the President-elect of the USA.

People will have different memories of 2020. A man said he would never forget the explosion in Beirut in August. He thanked God none of his family was hurt. He was sad his city was damaged. A UK nurse said the news of the vaccines for COVID-19 made her happy. A woman in Japan was sad that the Tokyo Olympics were postponed. She is happy they will go ahead in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Few knew it would be a rollercoaster | a. masks |
| 2. The biggest news in 2020 | b. protests |
| 3. economies | c. was COVID-19 |
| 4. there were | d. elect of the USA |
| 5. people wore | e. lockdowns |
| 6. started the Black Lives Matter | f. ride |
| 7. global | g. movement |
| 8. voted as the President- | h. suffered |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People will have different | a. postponed |
| 2. he would never forget the | b. memories of 2020 |
| 3. none of his family was | c. be a good year |
| 4. news of the vaccines | d. explosion |
| 5. A woman in Japan | e. ahead in 2021 |
| 6. the Tokyo Olympics were | f. hurt |
| 7. She is happy they will go | g. was sad |
| 8. She said 2021 would | h. for COVID-19 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020-1.html>

At ⁽¹⁾ _____ 2020, people thought it would be a great year. Few ⁽²⁾ _____ be a rollercoaster ride and that the ⁽³⁾ _____. The biggest news in 2020 was COVID-19. Many people died, economies suffered, ⁽⁴⁾ _____ and people wore masks. The death of George Floyd in the USA started the Black Lives Matter movement ⁽⁵⁾ _____. In November, Joe Biden was ⁽⁶⁾ _____ President-elect of the USA.

People will have different memories of 2020. A man said he ⁽⁷⁾ _____ the explosion in Beirut in August. He thanked God ⁽⁸⁾ _____ family was hurt. He was ⁽⁹⁾ _____ was damaged. A UK nurse ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ of the vaccines for COVID-19 made her happy. A woman in Japan ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ the Tokyo Olympics were postponed. She is happy they will ⁽¹²⁾ _____ 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE YEAR 2020 SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the year 2020 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) _____

