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Level 2 – 16th January, 2021

Paris' Champs-Elysees to be 'extraordinary garden'

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The mayor of Paris has said there are big plans to transform the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn the 1.9km avenue into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of Paris. Many people call it, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many people who live in Paris think it looks old. They want it to look more modern. The mayor wants to cut the amount of traffic. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant trees to make it greener and more attractive.

The Champs-Elysees showed how sophisticated and elegant Paris was. There were car showrooms full of luxury cars, and designer fashion stores. It was a magnet for rich people. Today, it looks like many other streets in the world, full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. Work will start on the project after the 2024 Paris Olympics. The mayor said: "We will redo [one area] before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is \$305 million.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/paris-mayor-pushes-ahead-with-plan-to-give-champs-elysees-a-305-million-green-makeover/>
<https://www.thelocal.fr/20210111/green-light-for-paris-famous-champs-elysee-to-be-turned-into-garden>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. big plans to transform the city's | a. of Paris |
| 2. in the heart | b. of car lanes |
| 3. the most beautiful avenue | c. look more modern |
| 4. They want it to | d. more attractive |
| 5. She wants to cut the number | e. famous street |
| 6. more room for | f. to plant trees |
| 7. She also wants | g. in the world |
| 8. make it greener and | h. pedestrians |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. how sophisticated and | a. redo one area |
| 2. It was a magnet for | b. streets in the world |
| 3. it looks like many other | c. is \$305 million |
| 4. international chain | d. rich people |
| 5. Work will start | e. of the avenue |
| 6. We will | f. stores |
| 7. the full length | g. on the project |
| 8. The budget for the project | h. elegant Paris was |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The mayor of Paris has said there (1) _____ to transform the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn the 1.9km (2) _____ "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is (3) _____ of Paris. Many people call it, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many (4) _____ in Paris think it looks old. They want it to (5) _____. The mayor wants to cut the amount of traffic. She wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for pedestrians. She also wants to plant trees to make it (6) _____ attractive.

The Champs-Elysees (7) _____ and elegant Paris was. There were car showrooms (8) _____ cars, and designer fashion stores. It was (9) _____ rich people. Today, it looks (10) _____ streets in the world, full of international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. Work will start on the project after the 2024 Paris Olympics. The mayor said: "We (11) _____ area before the Olympic Games, then the (12) _____ the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The budget for the project is \$305 million.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PARIS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Paris 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) _____

