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Level 4 – 4th October, 2021

2020 Dubai Expo opens to 'astonish the world'

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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 2020 Dubai Expo finally opened. It will run until March 2022. Famous singers took part in an amazing opening ceremony. These included the opera singer Andrea Bocelli, the pianist Lang Lang and Saudi singer Mohammed Abdu. CNN was impressed. It said: "Dubai doesn't do anything by half. The city always goes big." Reuters wrote about "lavish" fireworks, music, and messages about the power of global collaboration and a sustainable future.

Expo takes place every five years. It showcases solutions to challenges faced by humanity. The Dubai Expo theme is "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". It will also focus on sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the first Expo to be held in the Middle East. Around 25 million visitors will see exhibits from almost 200 countries. Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised it would "astonish the world".

Sources: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2021/10/01/night-falls-on-expo-2020-dubai-the-coolest-new-spot-in-town/>
<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/middle-east-first-expo-open-dubai-under-shadow-pandemic-2021-09-20/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expo_2020#Themes

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It will run | a. by half |
| 2. Famous singers | b. collaboration |
| 3. opera | c. impressed |
| 4. CNN was | d. future |
| 5. Dubai doesn't do anything | e. goes big |
| 6. The city always | f. took part |
| 7. the power of global | g. until March 2022 |
| 8. a sustainable | h. singer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Expo takes place every | a. in the Middle East |
| 2. It showcases | b. by humanity |
| 3. challenges faced | c. the world |
| 4. It will also focus | d. and opportunity |
| 5. mobility | e. five years |
| 6. the first Expo to be held | f. on sustainability |
| 7. exhibits from almost | g. solutions |
| 8. it would astonish | h. 200 countries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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March 2022. Famous singers (2) _____ an amazing
opening ceremony. These (3) _____ singer Andrea
Bocelli, the pianist Lang Lang and Saudi singer Mohammed Abdu. CNN was
impressed. It said: "Dubai doesn't do (4) _____. The
city always goes big." Reuters (5) _____ fireworks,
music, and messages about the power of global collaboration and
(6) _____.

Expo takes place every five years. (7) _____ to
challenges (8) _____. The Dubai Expo theme is
"Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". It will (9)
_____ sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the
first Expo to (10) _____ the Middle East. Around 25
million visitors will (11) _____ almost 200 countries.
Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised it would
"(12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INSECTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Dubai 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) _____

