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Level 5 – 4th October, 2021

2020 Dubai Expo opens to 'astonish the world'

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The 2020 Dubai Expo has finally opened with an extravagant opening ceremony. The event will run until March 2022. Big stars from the music world took part in the ceremony. These included the opera singer Andrea Bocelli, the flamboyant pianist Lang Lang and Saudi Arabian singer Mohammed Abdu. CNN commented on how impressive the ceremony was. It said: "Dubai doesn't do anything by half. The city always goes big." Reuters wrote about "the lavish ceremony of fireworks, music and messaging about the power of global collaboration for a more sustainable future".

Expo is a global event that takes place every five years. It aims to showcase solutions to big challenges faced by humanity, and to bring people together. Dubai Expo selected the theme of "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". It will also focus on the sub-themes of sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the first Expo to be held in the Middle East. Around 25 million visitors will see exhibitions from almost 200 countries. When Dubai made its bid to host the Expo, the city's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised Dubai 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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. an extravagant opening | a. from the music world |
| 2. The event will run | b. big |
| 3. Big stars | c. by half |
| 4. the flamboyant | d. future |
| 5. Dubai doesn't do anything | e. until March 2022 |
| 6. The city always goes | f. collaboration |
| 7. the power of global | g. pianist |
| 8. a more sustainable | h. ceremony |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Expo is a global | a. together |
| 2. It aims to showcase | b. by humanity |
| 3. big challenges faced | c. to host the Expo |
| 4. bring people | d. of sustainability |
| 5. focus on the sub-themes | e. event |
| 6. the first Expo to be held | f. almost 200 countries |
| 7. exhibitions from | g. solutions |
| 8. When Dubai made its bid | h. in the Middle East |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Expo is a global event that (7) _____ five years. It aims to showcase solutions to big challenges (8) _____, and to bring people together. Dubai Expo selected the theme of "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future". It will (9) _____ the sub-themes of sustainability, mobility and opportunity. It is the first Expo to be held in the Middle East. Around 25 million visitors (10) _____ from almost 200 countries. When Dubai made its (11) _____ the Expo, the city's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum promised Dubai would (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DUBAI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211004-2020-dubai-expo-4.html>

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) _____

