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Level 1 – 16th December, 2021

TIME names Elon Musk 2021 Person of the Year

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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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TIME magazine has announced its Person of the Year for 2021 is the business leader Elon Musk. TIME said: "Few individuals have had more influence than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth too." It added that Mr Musk is the world's richest person, with more than \$255 billion. He is also an example of the great changes in our society. He is helping to save the world and our future. He is working to explore space and get to Mars.

This year has been amazing for Elon Musk. He went into space* in his own rocket. His company SpaceX might take us to Mars. His car company Tesla has two-thirds of the electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and pioneer in technology companies. He started the e-payments company PayPal. He has companies in robotics, solar technology and artificial intelligence. TIME called him a genius.

* ERROR: Elon Musk has never been into space.

Sources: <https://time.com/person-of-the-year-2021-elon-musk/>
<https://www.npr.org/2021/12/13/1063792887/elon-musk-time-person-of-the-year>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/12/13/media/slug-time-person-year-elon-musk/index.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the business | a. \$255 billion |
| 2. Few individuals have had | b. and our future |
| 3. life | c. more influence |
| 4. Mr Musk is the world's | d. explore space |
| 5. more than | e. leader |
| 6. great changes in | f. richest person |
| 7. save the world | g. our society |
| 8. He is working to | h. on Earth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. He went into space | a. and pioneer |
| 2. SpaceX might | b. car market |
| 3. two-thirds of the electric | c. intelligence |
| 4. It is valued at | d. in his own rocket |
| 5. an engineer, inventor | e. take us to Mars |
| 6. solar | f. a genius |
| 7. artificial | g. around \$1 trillion |
| 8. TIME called him | h. technology |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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TIME magazine (1) _____ Person of the Year for 2021 is (2) _____ Elon Musk. TIME said: "Few individuals have had (3) _____ Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, (4) _____ too." It added that Mr Musk is the world's richest person, with more than \$255 billion. He is also an example of (5) _____ in our society. He is helping to save the world and our future. He is working to (6) _____ get to Mars.

This year has (7) _____ Elon Musk. He went into space in (8) _____. His company SpaceX might take us to Mars. His car company Tesla (9) _____ of the electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also (10) _____ and pioneer in technology companies. He started the e-payments company PayPal. He has companies (11) _____ technology and artificial intelligence. TIME (12) _____ genius.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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soanexampleofthegreatchangesinoursociety.Heishelpingtosavethe
worldandourfuture.HeisworkingtoexplorespaceandgettoMars.This
yearhasbeenamazingforElonMusk.Hewentintospaceinhisownrocket.
HiscompanySpaceXmighttakeustoMars.HiscarcompanyTeslahastw
o-thirdsoftheelectriccarmarket.Itisvaluedataround\$1trillion.Muskis
alsoanengineer,inventorandpioneerintechnologycompanies.Hest
artedthee-paymentscompanyPayPal.Hehascompaniesinrobotics,sola
rtechnologyandartificialintelligence.TIMEcalledhimagenius.

ELON MUSK SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Elon Musk 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) _____

