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Level 2 – 16th December, 2021

TIME names Elon Musk 2021 Person of the Year

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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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TIME magazine has announced its Person of the Year for 2021. The award goes to the entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME explained that: "Few individuals have had more influence than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth too." It added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just as the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of a massive shift in our society." Mr Musk is the richest person in history. He has more than \$255 billion. He is also helping to save the world and our future. He is leading efforts to explore space and get to Mars.

The year 2021 was amazing for Elon Musk. He went into space* in his own rocket, made by his company SpaceX. This company might take us to Mars. Mr Musk is also well known for his car company Tesla. This has two-thirds of the electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and pioneer in many other cutting-edge industries. He started the e-payments company PayPal. He has companies in robotics, solar technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-speed public transport. 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 award goes | a. in history |
| 2. Few individuals have had more | b. future |
| 3. life on | c. to the entrepreneur |
| 4. a massive shift | d. Earth |
| 5. Mr Musk is the richest person | e. in our society |
| 6. He has more than | f. to explore space |
| 7. save the world and our | g. influence |
| 8. He is leading efforts | h. \$255 billion |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The year 2021 was amazing | a. payments company |
| 2. He went into space in | b. take us to Mars |
| 3. This company might | c. for his car company |
| 4. Mr Musk is also well known | d. transport |
| 5. This has two-thirds of the | e. and pioneer |
| 6. Musk is also an engineer, inventor | f. for Elon Musk |
| 7. He started the e- | g. electric car market |
| 8. super-speed public | h. his own rocket |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The year 2021 was amazing for Elon Musk. He went into space in (7) _____, made by his company SpaceX. This company might take us to Mars. Mr Musk is also (8) _____ his car company Tesla. This has two-thirds of the electric car market. It is (9) _____ \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and pioneer in many other (10) _____. He started the e-payments company PayPal. He (11) _____ robotics, solar technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-speed public transport. TIME called (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TIMEmagazinehasannounceditsPersonoftheYearfor2021.Theaward goestotheentrepreneurElonMusk.TIMEexplainedthat:"Fewindividua lshavehadmoreinfluencethanMuskonlifeonEarth,andpotentially,life offEarthtoo."Itadded:"In2021,Muskemergednotjustastheworld'sric hestperson,butalsoasperhapstherichestexampleofamassiveshiftino ursociety."MrMuskistherichestpersoninhistory.Hehasmorethan\$25 5billion.Heisalsohelpingtosavetheworldandourfuture.Heisleadingef fortstoexplorespaceandgettoMars.Theyear2021wasamazingforElon Musk.Hewentintospaceinhisownrocket,madebyhiscompanySpaceX .ThiscompanymighttakeustoMars.MrMuskisalsowellknownforhis car companyTesla.Thishastwo-thirdsoftheelectricarmarket.Itisvalue dataround\$1trillion.Muskisalsoanengineer,inventorandpioneerinm anyothercutting-edgeindustries.Hestartedthee-paymentscompan yPayPal.Hehascompaniesinrobotics,solartechnology,crypto-curre ncy,artificialintelligenceandsuper-speedpublictransport.TIMEcalle dhimagenius.

ELON MUSK SURVEY

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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) _____

