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**Level 0 – 18th June 2026**

## Google releases free 'Google Earth' flight simulator

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Google's flight simulator is now available to everyone. It was first released for desktops in 2007, but people had to download it. Now, it is browser based. There is no need to install anything. You will be able to fly anywhere using Google's maps. People may have problems "flying near ground level in regions below sea level".

To use the flight simulator, you open Google Earth and click on "Explore Earth". You then type where you want to fly to in the search bar, click on "Tools," and select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. CNET.com said people can "fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It was first released for | a. problems         |
| 2. people had to download    | b. based            |
| 3. it is browser             | c. level            |
| 4. There is no need to       | d. it               |
| 5. You will be able to fly   | e. ground level     |
| 6. People may have           | f. install anything |
| 7. flying near               | g. anywhere         |
| 8. in regions below sea      | h. desktops         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. To use the flight   | a. "Tools"           |
| 2. open Google         | b. to fly to         |
| 3. type where you want | c. landmarks         |
| 4. in the search       | d. simulator         |
| 5. click on            | e. anywhere on Earth |
| 6. the drop-           | f. Earth             |
| 7. fly to almost       | g. bar               |
| 8. check out various   | h. down menu         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google's flight simulator is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone. It was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ desktops in 2007, but (3) \_\_\_\_\_ download it. Now, it is browser based. There is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ install anything. You will be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ using Google's maps. People may have problems "flying near ground level (6) \_\_\_\_\_ sea level".

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ flight simulator, you open Google Earth (8) \_\_\_\_\_ "Explore Earth". You then type where you want (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the search bar, click on (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "Flight simulator" from the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. CNET.com said people can "fly to almost anywhere on Earth (12) \_\_\_\_\_ various landmarks".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EARTH

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Write five GOOD questions about Earth 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) \_\_\_\_\_

