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Google releases free 'Google Earth' flight simulator

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THE ARTICLE

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<https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/earth/flight-simulator>

WARM-UPS

1. EARTH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Earth. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Google / Earth / flight simulators / downloads / desktop / web browser / maps / flying explore / the black of space / locations / drop-down menus / databases / landmarks

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GOOGLE EARTH: Students A **strongly** believe Google Earth should be a part of all geography lessons at school; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GOOGLE: What do you know about these Google products? How useful are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Usefulness
Google Earth		
Google Search		
Google Maps		
Google Gemini AI		
Google Drive		
Google Chrome		

5. FLIGHT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "flight". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SIMULATORS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best simulators at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Flight simulators
- Racing simulators
- Space simulators
- Military simulators
- Surgery simulators
- Romance simulators
- English simulators
- Policing simulators

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. announced | a. Was real or was present in the past. |
| 2. available | b. The activity of finding out about a place or thing. |
| 3. the public | c. Told people something officially. |
| 4. flight | d. Able to be used or gotten. |
| 5. existed | e. A trip in an aircraft. |
| 6. casual | f. Relaxed and not formal or professional |
| 7. exploration | g. All people in a town, city, or country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. simulator | h. The whole of something. |
| 9. desired | i. The things used to make a machine or system work. |
| 10. location | j. To choose something from a group. |
| 11. select | k. A program or machine that copies a real activity or situation. |
| 12. controls | l. An important or famous place or building that all people know and (perhaps) want to visit. |
| 13. entire | m. Wanted or hoped for. |
| 14. landmark | n. The place where something is. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260618-google-earth.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Google's flight simulators first came out in 2007. **T / F**
2. People will need to download an app to play the new flight simulator. **T / F**
3. Google said the simulator is more for fun than serious flight training. **T / F**
4. Google said the simulator works best when flying near ground level. **T / F**
5. You don't have to go open Google Earth to access the simulator. **T / F**
6. When have to click a location in a search bar on the simulator page. **T / F**
7. You can find the simulator controls on Google's developer site. **T / F**
8. The simulator gives you access to just 80% of Google Earth's database. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. available | a. trips |
| 2. version | b. whole |
| 3. install | c. difficulties |
| 4. exploration | d. put |
| 5. issues | e. different |
| 6. showing | f. ready for use |
| 7. access | g. choose |
| 8. select | h. entry |
| 9. entire | i. edition |
| 10. various | j. displaying |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. make its flight simulator | a. it on their desktop |
| 2. The simulator has existed | b. Google Earth database |
| 3. download the program and install | c. sea level |
| 4. The flight simulator is designed for casual | d. in the menu bar |
| 5. in regions below | e. available to the public |
| 6. typing your desired location in the | f. exploration |
| 7. you need to click on "Tools" | g. landmarks |
| 8. select "Flight simulator" from the drop- | h. since 2007 |
| 9. flight simulator has access to the entire | i. search bar |
| 10. check out various | j. down menu |

GAP FILL

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issues
access

To use the flight simulator, you will have to open the Google Earth website and (9) _____ on the "Explore Earth" button in the top right corner. This will take you to a page (10) _____ a picture of Earth set against the (11) _____ of space. You can then choose where in the world you want to fly to, from, or around by (12) _____ your desired location in the search bar. To start flying, you need to click on "Tools" in the (13) _____ bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the (14) _____ -down menu. The controls are shown on Google's developer website. CNET.com wrote: "Google Earth's flight simulator has access to the (15) _____ Google Earth database, so you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various (16) _____."

menu
click
entire
black
landmarks
typing
showing
drop

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Google has announced it will make its flight simulator available _____
 - a. to a public
 - b. to the public
 - c. to the private
 - d. to the publicity
- 2) The simulator has existed since 2007, but has only been on _____
 - a. the desktop vision
 - b. the desktop verse on
 - c. the desktop version
 - d. the desktop virtual
- 3) Anyone can now access the flight simulator on _____
 - a. a web browses
 - b. a web browsing
 - c. a web browse
 - d. a web browser
- 4) You will be able to fly all over the world using _____
 - a. Google's nap technology
 - b. Google's map technology
 - c. Google's tap technology
 - d. Google's lap technology
- 5) users may experience issues when flying near ground level in regions _____
 - a. below sea level
 - b. below see level
 - c. below seal level
 - d. below seen level
- 6) To use the flight simulator, you will have to open the Google Earth _____
 - a. website and creek
 - b. website and clique
 - c. website and crick
 - d. website and click
- 7) the "Explore Earth" button in the _____
 - a. top light corner
 - b. top right corner
 - c. top bright corner
 - d. top right corn are
- 8) choose where in the world you want to fly to, from, or around by typing _____
 - a. your desire location
 - b. your desired rotation
 - c. your desired location
 - d. your desire lotion
- 9) click on "Tools" in the menu bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the _____
 - a. drip-down guide
 - b. drop-down chart
 - c. drip-down menu
 - d. drop-down menu
- 10) you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check _____
 - a. out varies landmarks
 - b. out varieties landmarks
 - c. out variously landmarks
 - d. out various landmarks

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who will Google make its flight simulator available to?
2. When did the flight simulator first come out?
3. What will we need to play the flight simulator?
4. What did Google say the flight simulator was designed for?
5. What might you experience when flying near very low below sea level?
6. What website do you have to access first to play the flight simulator?
7. What will people see a picture of before they reach the flight simulator?
8. In which option on the menu bar can people find a drop-down menu?
9. Where can people get the controls for flight simulator?
10. What variety of things does the article say people can check out?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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- 1) Who will Google make its flight simulator available to?
 - a) pilots
 - b) subscribers
 - c) the public
 - d) schoolchildren
- 2) When did the flight simulator first come out?
 - a) 2007
 - b) 2012
 - c) 2017
 - d) 2022
- 3) What will we need to play the flight simulator?
 - a) a computer
 - b) a web browser
 - c) a smartphone
 - d) money
- 4) What did Google say the flight simulator was designed for?
 - a) schools
 - b) children
 - c) space travel training
 - d) casual exploration
- 5) What might you experience when flying near very low below sea level?
 - a) air sickness
 - b) G-forces
 - c) issues
 - d) backaches
- 6) What website do you have to access first to play the flight simulator?
 - a) Google Drive
 - b) Google Earth
 - c) Explore Earth
 - d) Earth Flight
- 7) What will people see a picture of before they reach the flight simulator?
 - a) a map
 - b) a pilot's cap
 - c) an airplane cockpit
 - d) Earth
- 8) In which option on the menu bar can people find a drop-down menu?
 - a) World
 - b) Tools
 - c) View
 - d) Fly
- 9) Where can people get the controls for flight simulator?
 - a) from an online store
 - b) the Google developer website
 - c) at a convenience store
 - d) from an electronic store
- 10) What variety of things does the article say people can check out?
 - a) landmarks
 - b) supermarkets
 - c) pilot uniforms
 - d) airplane controls

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Flight Simulators

You think flight simulators are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their simulators aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): war zone simulators, surgery simulators or dating simulators.

Role B – War Zone Simulators

You think war zone simulators are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their simulators aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): flight simulators, surgery simulators or dating simulators.

Role C – Surgery Simulators

You think surgery simulators are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their simulators aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): war zone simulators, flight simulators or dating simulators.

Role D – Dating Simulators

You think dating simulators are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their simulators aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): war zone simulators, surgery simulators or flight simulators.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'Google' and 'Earth'.

Google	Earth

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• public• version• without• casual• fly• sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• open• page• choose• drop• entire• various
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EARTH SURVEY

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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.

GOOGLE EARTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Google'?
3. What do you know about flight simulators?
4. What apps are on your desktop and phone?
5. Will you be trying Google's flight simulator?
6. What do you know about Google Earth?
7. How often do you use Google Maps?
8. Where would you fly to on the flight simulator?
9. Would you like to be an airline pilot?
10. What do you think of flying?

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GOOGLE EARTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Earth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think when you see a picture of Earth?
15. What is your most desired location around the world?
16. What do you think is in the black of space?
17. What are your experiences of flying in airplanes?
18. What are your favourite landmarks?
19. How difficult is it to be a pilot?
20. What questions would you like to ask Google?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) simple | (b) only | (c) so | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) program | (b) every | (c) them | (d) it |
| 4. | (a) with | (b) without | (c) wither | (d) within |
| 5. | (a) instead | (b) rather | (c) prefer | (d) other |
| 6. | (a) seeing | (b) sea | (c) sea | (d) seen |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) up |
| 8. | (a) against | (b) for | (c) up | (d) around |
| 9. | (a) desiring | (b) desire | (c) desires | (d) desired |
| 10. | (a) along | (b) down | (c) in | (d) up |
| 11. | (a) tire | (b) entire | (c) retire | (d) attire |
| 12. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. on the desktop rosnvei
2. download the program and aintlls it
3. sacesc the flight simulator on a web browser
4. designed for caalsu exploration
5. users may epnxeeiecr issues
6. in rginose below sea level

Paragraph 2

7. click on the "Explore Earth" botunt
8. in the top right croenr
9. typing your desired oatnoilc
10. in the rscahe bar
11. the teneri Google Earth database
12. check out uarsoiv landmarks

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () all over the world using Google's map technology. Google said users may experience
- () bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. The controls are shown on
- () browser, without having to download or install anything. On its website, Google said: "The flight simulator is
- () designed for casual exploration rather than high-fidelity aerodynamic training." You will be able to fly
- () Google Earth database, so you can fly to almost anywhere on Earth and check out various landmarks."
- (**1**) Google has announced it will make its flight simulator available to the public. The simulator has existed
- () Google's developer website. CNET.com wrote: "Google Earth's flight simulator has access to the entire
- () install it on their desktop. The new version will be browser-based. Anyone can now access the flight simulator on a web
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- () location in the search bar. To start flying, you need to click on "Tools" in the menu
- () of space. You can then choose where in the world you want to fly to, from, or around by typing your desired
- () right corner. This will take you to a page showing a picture of Earth set against the black
- () since 2007, but has only been on the desktop version of Google Earth. People had to download the program and
- () To use the flight simulator, you will have to open the Google Earth website and click on the "Explore Earth" button in the top

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. available flight its Make public simulator the to .
2. and desktop Download install it it on their .
3. Access a browser flight on simulator the web .
4. able all be fly over to will You .
5. Experience flying ground issues level near when .
6. Earth Google have open the to website You'll .
7. A Earth a of page picture showing .
8. Choose fly to to want where you .
9. drop-down "Flight from menu Select simulator" the .
10. almost anywhere can Earth fly on to You .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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To use the flight simulator, you will have to open the Google Earth website and *click* / *cluck* on the "Explore Earth" button in the *topping* / *top* right corner. This will take you to *the* / *a* page showing a picture of Earth set *for* / *against* the black of space. You can then choose where in the world you want to fly to, from, or around *by* / *with* typing your desired location in the search bar. To start flying, you need to click *in* / *on* "Tools" in the menu bar and then select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu. The controls are *shown* / *showing* on Google's developer website. CNET.com wrote: "Google Earth's flight simulator has access *at* / *to* the entire Google Earth database, so you can fly *at* / *to* almost anywhere on Earth and check *at* / *out* various landmarks."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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G__gl_ h_s _nn__nc_d _t w_ll m_k_ _ts fl_gh_t
s_m_l_t_r _v__l_bl_ t_ th_ p_bl_c. Th_ s_m_l_t_r h_s
_x_st_d s_nc_ 2007, b_t h_s _nly b__n _n th_ d_skt_p
v_rs__n _f G__gl_ __rth. P__pl_ h_d t_ d_wnl__d th_
pr_gr_m _nd _nst_ll _t _n th__r d_skt_p. Th_ n_w
v_rs__n w_ll b_ br_ws_r-b_s_d. _ny_n_ c_n n_w _cc_ss
th_ fl_gh_t s_m_l_t_r _n _ w_b br_ws_r, w_th__t
h_v_ng t_ d_wnl__d _r _nst_ll _nyth_ng. _n _ts
w_bs_t_, G__gl_ s__d: "Th_ fl_gh_t s_m_l_t_r _s
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y__ t_ _ p_g_ sh_w_ng _ p_ct_r_ _f __rth s_t
_g__nst th_ bl_ck _f sp_c_. Y__ c_n th_n ch__s_
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_r__nd by typ_ng y__r d_s_r_d l_c_t__n _n th_ s__rch
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FLIGHT SIMULATORS: Make a poster about flight simulators. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GOOGLE EARTH: Write a magazine article about making Google Earth and the flight simulator part geography lessons at school. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Earth. Ask him/her three questions about Earth. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. h	8. g	9. b	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The public
2. 2007
3. A web browser
4. Casual exploration
5. Issues
6. Google Earth
7. Earth
8. Tools
9. The Google developer website
10. Landmarks

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Make its flight simulator available to the public.
2. Download it and install it on their desktop.
3. Access the flight simulator on a web browser.
4. You will be able to fly all over.
5. Experience issues when flying near ground level.
6. You'll have to open the Google Earth website.
7. A page showing a picture of Earth.
8. Choose where you want to fly to.
9. Select "Flight simulator" from the drop-down menu.
10. You can fly to almost anywhere on Earth.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)