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**Level 0** – 4th April 2024

## Gmail celebrates its 20th birthday

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240404-gmail-0.html>

Gmail was 20 on Monday. It started on the 1st of April 2004. It offered 1 gigabyte of storage for free. Other email companies only gave 15 megabytes. Gmail quickly became a "must-have" tool. It became very popular. It searched mails very quickly and was great at filtering spam.

More than 1.7 billion people use Gmail. It now has 15 gigabytes of free storage. It also has a one-click unsubscribe button. It also has an "undo send" button. The PC Mag website said Gmail is now an important part of many people's lives.

Maybe people will use Gmail forever.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/24113616/gmail-email-20-years-old-internet>  
<https://www.pcmag.com/opinions/gmail-at-20-right-place-right-time>  
<https://www.techradar.com/computing/email-messaging/no-joke-gmail-is-20-and-were-probably-better-for-it>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Gmail was 20             | a. quickly          |
| 2. It started on the        | b. companies        |
| 3. It offered 1 gigabyte of | c. spam             |
| 4. Other email              | d. 1st of April     |
| 5. Gmail quickly became a   | e. popular          |
| 6. It became very           | f. storage for free |
| 7. It searched mails very   | g. "must-have" tool |
| 8. great at filtering       | h. on Monday        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. More than 1.7 billion   | a. storage                |
| 2. It now has 15           | b. of many people's lives |
| 3. free                    | c. forever                |
| 4. a one-click unsubscribe | d. gigabytes              |
| 5. It also has an "undo    | e. will                   |
| 6. an important part       | f. send" button           |
| 7. Maybe people            | g. people use Gmail       |
| 8. use Gmail               | h. button                 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Gmail <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Monday. It started on the 1st of April 2004. <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ gigabyte of storage for free. <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ only gave 15 megabytes. Gmail quickly became a "must-have" tool. It <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

It searched <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and was great <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

More than 1.7 <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Gmail. It now has 15 gigabytes <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It also has a one-  
<sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It also has an <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

The PC Mag website said Gmail <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ important part of many people's lives. Maybe <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Gmail forever.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GMAIL SURVEY

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

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240404-gmail-0.html>

Write about **Gmail** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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