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Gmail celebrates its 20th birthday

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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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Gmail had its 20th birthday on Monday. When it started, on the 1st of April 2004, it changed everything. It offered 1 gigabyte of storage for free. Other email companies only gave 15 megabytes. Some people thought it was a joke because it started on April Fools' Day. However, Gmail became a "must-have" tool. Another reason for Gmail's success is that 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 new features. One of these is a one-click unsubscribe button. Another is an "undo send" button. Users can stop a mail from being sent even after they click "send". The PC Mag website said Gmail, "is so [fixed] in so many people's lives that hardly anyone thinks much about it." Maybe people will use Gmail forever.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Gmail had its 20th birthday | a. April Fools' Day |
| 2. companies only | b. success |
| 3. Some people thought it was | c. spam |
| 4. it started on | d. a joke |
| 5. Gmail became a "must- | e. quickly |
| 6. Another reason for Gmail's | f. gave 15 megabytes |
| 7. it searched mails very | g. have" tool |
| 8. great at filtering | h. on Monday |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. More than 1.7 billion | a. unsubscribe button |
| 2. It now has 15 | b. features |
| 3. free | c. forever |
| 4. It also has new | d. people use Gmail |
| 5. a one-click | e. being sent |
| 6. Another is an "undo | f. gigabytes |
| 7. Users can stop a mail from | g. send" button |
| 8. Maybe people will use Gmail | h. storage |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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) _____

