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Level 0 – 31st December, 2020

2020 - A year we will never forget

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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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People thought 2020 would be a great year. Few people knew that the world would change so much. The biggest news was COVID-19. Many people died. There were lockdowns and people wore masks. The death of George Floyd in the USA started the Black Lives Matter movement. Joe Biden was voted as the President-elect of the USA.

People will have different memories of 2020. One man will never forget the explosion in Beirut. He thanked God his family was not hurt. A UK nurse said the news of the vaccines for COVID-19 made her happy. A woman in Japan was sad that the Tokyo Olympics were postponed. She said 2021 would be a good year.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. People thought 2020 would | a. lockdowns |
| 2. Few people knew | b. movement |
| 3. the world would change so | c. masks |
| 4. The biggest news | d. President-elect |
| 5. There were | e. that |
| 6. people wore | f. be a great year |
| 7. the Black Lives Matter | g. was COVID-19 |
| 8. Biden was voted as the | h. much |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People will have different | a. for COVID-19 |
| 2. One man will never | b. postponed |
| 3. his family was | c. her happy |
| 4. news of the vaccines | d. was sad |
| 5. made | e. be a good year |
| 6. A woman in Japan | f. forget |
| 7. the Tokyo Olympics were | g. not hurt |
| 8. She said 2021 would | h. memories of 2020 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People thought 2020 (1) _____ great year. Few people (2) _____ world would change so much. The (3) _____ COVID-19. Many people died. There were lockdowns and (4) _____. The death of George Floyd (5) _____ started the Black Lives Matter movement. Joe Biden (6) _____ the President-elect of the USA.

People (7) _____ memories of 2020. One man will never forget (8) _____ Beirut. He thanked God his family (9) _____. A UK nurse said (10) _____ the vaccines for COVID-19 made her happy. A woman in Japan (11) _____ the Tokyo Olympics were postponed. She said 2021 would (12) _____ year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE YEAR 2020 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the year 2020 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

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Write about **the year 2020** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
