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Level 5 – 18th October, 2021

Peru wins first ever Balloon World Cup

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new fixture has been added to the calendar of world sports events - the Balloon World Cup. We are all familiar with the "sport" of keepy-uppy ballooning. Most of us have partaken in the decades-old pastime of keeping a balloon up in the air without letting it touch the floor. Spanish soccer star Gerard Pique loved this so much he developed it into an international event. The inaugural Balloon World Cup was held in Spain on Thursday. Peru's Francesco de la Cruz was the very first world champion. His athleticism saw him fend off Germany's Jan Spiess in the final with a 6-2 victory.

Mr Pique got his inspiration for the tournament from TikTok videos that went viral. He loved watching clips of an American family playing the game during the COVID-19 lockdown. It then developed from the family's living room into a "Keep-Up Balloon League". Pique then made the game global. The contests took place on an 8m x 8m court, full of living room furniture as obstacles. Teams from 32 countries participated. Pique said: "Sometimes you have to get out of your comfort zone and try new things." There are hopes it could become an Olympics event.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A new fixture | a. uppy ballooning |
| 2. the calendar of world | b. world champion |
| 3. the "sport" of keepy- | c. a 6-2 victory |
| 4. partaken in the decades- | d. it touch the floor |
| 5. without letting | e. an international event |
| 6. he developed it into | f. has been added |
| 7. the very first | g. old pastime |
| 8. in the final with | h. sports events |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Pique got his inspiration | a. room |
| 2. TikTok videos that | b. for the tournament |
| 3. He loved watching | c. an Olympics event |
| 4. during the COVID-19 | d. as obstacles |
| 5. the family's living | e. lockdown |
| 6. contests took place on an | f. went viral |
| 7. living room furniture | g. 8m x 8m court |
| 8. it could become | h. clips |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new (1) _____ added to the calendar of world sports events - the Balloon World Cup. We (2) _____ with the "sport" of keepy-uppy ballooning. Most of us have partaken in the decades-old pastime of keeping a balloon up in the air (3) _____ touch the floor. Spanish soccer star Gerard Pique (4) _____ much he developed it into an international event. (5) _____ World Cup was held in Spain on Thursday. Peru's Francesco de la Cruz was the very first world champion. His athleticism saw (6) _____ Germany's Jan Spiess in the final with a 6-2 victory.

Mr Pique got (7) _____ the tournament from TikTok videos (8) _____. He loved watching clips of an American family playing the game during the COVID-19 lockdown. It then developed from the (9) _____ into a "Keep-Up Balloon League". Pique then made the game global. The (10) _____ on an 8m x 8m court, full of living room furniture as obstacles. Teams from 32 countries participated. Pique said: "Sometimes you have to get out of (11) _____ and try new things." There are hopes it (12) _____ Olympics event.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BALLOONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about balloons 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) _____

