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# THE ARTICLE

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The year 2020 has been a tumultuous one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get to grips with online platforms to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were stuck at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education as technology has taken centre stage. The quality of education differed around the world according to the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their competence in engaging with the technology. It also depended on what kind of devices students had at home. Many students were deprived of lessons because they had no computer, tablet or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out a new initiative to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 eligible pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to enable them to participate in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build on the success of this initial rollout to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, this pilot project is to find the best implementation method before it is proposed for expansion." The plans include enhancing educational television programming for students with no Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the hard of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' needs.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ONLINE LEARNING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about online learning. 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?

tumultuous / globe / online platforms / transformation / education / devices / tablet / initiative / device / success / pilot / project / method / expansion / sign language

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

**3. FACE-TO-FACE:** Students A **strongly** believe face-to-face is better than online; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ONLINE:** What are the good and bad things about learning on line? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Teacher		
Computer		
Other students		
Classroom		
Technology		
Interaction		

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

**6. SUBJECTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to learn online at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- Yoga
- Coding
- Chemistry
- Tennis
- Art
- Karate
- Origami

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. tumultuous        | a. Never done or known before.   |
| 2. get to grips with | b. Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits. |
| 3. platform          | c. Excited, confused, or disorderly.   |
| 4. unprecedented     | d. A standard for the hardware of a computer system.                             |
| 5. transformation    | e. Begin to deal with or understand.   |
| 6. competence        | f. A total, great or dramatic change in form or appearance.                      |
| 7. deprived          | g. The ability to do something successfully or efficiently.                      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. initiative      | h. Of a person not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society.     |
| 9. underprivileged | i. Take part.   |
| 10. participate    | j. Intensifying, increasing, or further improving the quality, value, or extent of.                           |
| 11. rollout        | k. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something. |
| 12. pilot          | l. A person who interprets, especially one who translates speech orally.                                      |
| 13. enhancing      | m. Done as an experiment or test before introducing something more widely.                                    |
| 14. interpreter    | n. The official launch or introduction of a new product or service.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

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

- a. The article says millions of teachers got to grips with online platforms. **T / F**
- b. The article says online lessons have transformed education. **T / F**
- c. The article says the level of teacher competence in technology differs. **T / F**
- d. Many students could not learn online because they had no computer. **T / F**
- e. Malaysia will help up to 150,000 students to learn online. **T / F**
- f. Malaysia said it wants to help students become pilots. **T / F**
- g. Malaysia will use sign language interpreters online. **T / F**
- h. A teacher said Malaysia was not considering the needs of students. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1. tumultuous</b>        | a. trial          |
| <b>2. get to grips with</b> | b. change         |
| <b>3. transformation</b>    | c. unveiled       |
| <b>4. competence</b>        | d. improving      |
| <b>5. deprived</b>          | e. roller-coaster |
| <b>6. rolled out</b>        | f. entitled       |
| <b>7. eligible</b>          | g. disadvantaged  |
| <b>8. pilot</b>             | h. focusing on    |
| <b>9. enhancing</b>         | i. understand     |
| <b>10. prioritizing</b>     | j. ability        |

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

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The year 2020 has been a tumultuous     | a. their lessons           |
| 2. get to grips                            | b. programming             |
| 3. stuck at home doing                     | c. technology              |
| 4. created an unprecedented transformation | d. with online platforms   |
| 5. their competence in engaging with the   | e. interpreters            |
| 6. rolled out a new                        | f. in education            |
| 7. build on the success                    | g. students' needs         |
| 8. enhancing educational television        | h. one for educators       |
| 9. employing sign language                 | i. of this initial rollout |
| 10. her government was prioritizing        | j. initiative              |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

The year 2020 has been a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with online platforms to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education as technology has taken centre (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The quality of education (5) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world according to the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in engaging with the technology. It also depended on what kind of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ students had at home. Many students were deprived of lessons because they had no computer, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out a new (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 (10) \_\_\_\_\_ pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to enable them to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build on the success of this initial (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from (13) \_\_\_\_\_ pupils and schools in need, this pilot project is to find the best implementation method before it is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for expansion." The plans include (15) \_\_\_\_\_ educational television programming for students with no Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the hard of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*stuck*  
*differed*  
*tablet*  
*tumultuous*  
*devices*  
*stage*  
*grips*  
*competence*

*proposed*  
*eligible*  
*rollout*  
*needs*  
*enhancing*  
*participate*  
*initiative*  
*assisting*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

- 1) The year 2020 has been a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tumour tortuous one
  - b. chew much you as one
  - c. tumult you as one
  - d. tumultuous one
- 2) Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. get to grips
  - b. get to gripes
  - c. get to grapes
  - d. get to grapples
- 3) Millions of students were stuck at home doing their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lessons vial websites
  - b. lessons vile websites
  - c. lessons via websites
  - d. lessons fire websites
- 4) unprecedented transformation in education as technology has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. taken centre stag
  - b. take centre stage
  - c. taken centre stage
  - d. taken central storage
- 5) with the technology. It also depended on what kind of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. device is students had
  - b. devices students had
  - c. devices student had
  - d. device is student had
- 6) The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out a new \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. initiative for help
  - b. initiative at help
  - c. initiative to help
  - d. initiative as help
- 7) help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. eligible pupil
  - b. eligible pupas
  - c. eligible pew pills
  - d. eligible pupils
- 8) The Education Minister hopes to build on the success of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. this initial rollout
  - b. this initial rollup
  - c. this initial rollover
  - d. this initial roll-on
- 9) find the best implementation method before it is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. proposal four expansion
  - b. proposed for expansive
  - c. propose for expansion
  - d. proposed for expansion
- 10) Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heard of hearing
  - b. hard of hearing
  - c. hard of herding
  - d. heard of herding

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

The year 2020 has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get to grips with online (2) \_\_\_\_\_ their lessons. Millions of students were stuck at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation (3) \_\_\_\_\_ technology has taken centre stage. The quality (4) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world according to the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their competence (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the technology. It also depended on what kind of devices students had at home. Many students were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ because they had no computer, tablet or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 eligible pupils from 500 schools will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to enable them to participate in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of this initial rollout to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ is to find the best implementation method before it is proposed for expansion." The plans include enhancing educational television programming for students with (11) \_\_\_\_\_, and employing sign language interpreters to help the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' needs.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

1. What kind of year does the article say teachers have had?
2. What did teachers have to get to grips with?
3. Who has been stuck at home?
4. What has taken centre stage?
5. Why were some students deprived of lessons?
6. What has Malaysia's Education Ministry rolled out?
7. How many schools may take part in an initiative?
8. What will Malaysia's government enhance?
9. What kind of interpreters will Malaysia's government employ?
10. What did a teacher say the government was prioritizing?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

- 1) What kind of year does the article say teachers have had?
  - a) an educational one
  - b) a crazy one
  - c) a tumultuous one
  - d) a good one
- 2) What did teachers have to get to grips with?
  - a) online platforms
  - b) their hands
  - c) tests
  - d) homework
- 3) Who has been stuck at home?
  - a) students
  - b) an education minister
  - c) engineers
  - d) teachers
- 4) What has taken centre stage?
  - a) English
  - b) technology
  - c) tests
  - d) homework
- 5) Why were some students deprived of lessons?
  - a) not enough teachers
  - b) power cuts
  - c) they had the wrong platform
  - d) no computers, tablets and smartphones
- 6) What has Malaysia's Education Ministry rolled out?
  - a) a new curriculum
  - b) a new initiative
  - c) a homework plan
  - d) new tests
- 7) How many schools may take part in an initiative?
  - a) 500
  - b) 600
  - c) 700
  - d) 800
- 8) What will Malaysia's government enhance?
  - a) test security
  - b) software
  - c) educational TV programming
  - d) Internet speeds
- 9) What kind of interpreters will Malaysia's government employ?
  - a) English interpreters
  - b) coding interpreters
  - c) multi-lingual interpreters
  - d) sign language interpreters
- 10) What did a teacher say the government was prioritizing?
  - a) students' needs
  - b) student success
  - c) exam grades
  - d) Internet speeds

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

## **Role A – English**

You think English is the best subject to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to learn online (and why): yoga, chemistry or art.

## **Role B – Yoga**

You think yoga is the best subject to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to learn online (and why): English, chemistry or art.

## **Role C – Chemistry**

You think chemistry is the best subject to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to learn online (and why): yoga, English or art.

## **Role D – Art**

You think art is the best subject to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to learn online (and why): yoga, chemistry or English.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'online' and 'learning'.

<b>online</b>	<b>learning</b>
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- 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"><li>• educators</li><li>• grips</li><li>• stuck</li><li>• stage</li><li>• differed</li><li>• deprived</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rolled</li><li>• 500</li><li>• pupils</li><li>• method</li><li>• sign</li><li>• needs</li></ul>
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# ONLINE LEARNING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

Write five GOOD questions about online learning 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.

# ONLINE LEARNING 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 'online'?
3. What do you think of online learning?
4. Would you prefer face-to-face or online learning?
5. What are the advantages of online learning?
6. What experiences do you have of online learning?
7. Why might teachers like teaching online?
8. What is the best platform for online learning?
9. Who is online learning good for?
10. Should all students be learning online in the future?

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# ONLINE LEARNING 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 'learning'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What subjects are good and bad to learn online?
15. Will we need teachers in the future?
16. Why might teachers hate teaching online?
17. Would robots be better at teaching English than people?
18. What are the pros and cons for learning English online?
19. Is online learning best for the hard of hearing?
20. What questions would you like to ask online teachers?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

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The Education Ministry in Malaysia has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ out a new initiative to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 eligible pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to enable them to participate in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the success of this initial (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, this pilot project is to find the best implementation method before it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for expansion." The plans include enhancing educational television programming for students with no Internet access, and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ sign language interpreters to help the hard of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- |     |                |                 |               |                |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) tempest    | (b) tumultuous  | (c) topiary   | (d) tardiest   |
| 2.  | (a) gripes     | (b) grips       | (c) grapples  | (d) grapes     |
| 3.  | (a) by         | (b) on          | (c) to        | (d) at         |
| 4.  | (a) on         | (b) centre      | (c) main      | (d) back       |
| 5.  | (a) capitulate | (b) communicate | (c) combative | (d) competence |
| 6.  | (a) depraved   | (b) deepened    | (c) deprived  | (d) deceive    |
| 7.  | (a) rolled     | (b) dolled      | (c) polled    | (d) tolled     |
| 8.  | (a) of         | (b) at          | (c) on        | (d) to         |
| 9.  | (a) roll up    | (b) roll on     | (c) rollover  | (d) rollout    |
| 10. | (a) proposed   | (b) donned      | (c) spurned   | (d) churned    |
| 11. | (a) employing  | (b) sampling    | (c) dumpling  | (d) rambling   |
| 12. | (a) nerds      | (b) kneads      | (c) needs     | (d) nods       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. 2020 has been a tutuumulso one
2. created an uedenenecpdr transformation
3. cicndgaro to the quality of Internet
4. the level of eaeprrdsnsep
5. teachers and their poeemtcnce
6. Many students were deipevrd of lessons

## Paragraph 2

7. rolled out a new tinveitaii
8. Around 150,000 lbeigieli pupils
9. the success of this tiaiinl rollout
10. before it is proposed for penaosixn
11. employing sign language tesrreneitrp
12. oniriigtzrpi students' needs

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) participate in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build on the success of this initial
- ( ) enhancing educational television programming for students with no Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help
- ( ) in engaging with the technology. It also depended on what kind of devices students had at home. Many students were
- ( ) the globe had to get to grips with online platforms to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were stuck
- ( ) at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in
- ( ) children. Around 150,000 eligible pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to enable them to
- ( ) education as technology has taken centre stage. The quality of education differed around the world according
- ( **1** ) The year 2020 has been a tumultuous one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across
- ( ) to the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their competence
- ( ) rollout to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, this pilot
- ( ) The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out a new initiative to help underprivileged
- ( ) deprived of lessons because they had no computer, tablet or smartphone.
- ( ) the hard of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' needs.
- ( ) project is to find the best implementation method before it is proposed for expansion." The plans include

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

1. tumultuous year a The been one . 2020 has
2. across of of teachers thousands the Hundreds globe .
3. of students stuck at home . were Millions
4. has This created in an transformation unprecedented education .
5. education the differed quality The world . around of
6. Rolled an help children . initiative to underprivileged out
7. in to them lessons . Enable online participate
8. pupils need . assisting Apart and schools from in
9. interpreters hard of for the language hearing . Sign
10. prioritizing her was government needs . Happy students'

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning.html>

The year 2020 has been a *presumptuous / tumultuous* one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get to *clips / grips* with online *platforms / platform* to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were *struck / stuck* at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education *was / as* technology has taken centre stage. The quality of education *differed / referred* around the world according *to / of* the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their competence *on / in* engaging with the technology. It also depended *in / on* what kind of devices students had at home. Many students were *depraved / deprived* of lessons because they had no computer, tablet or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has *tumbled / rolled* out a new initiative to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 *eligible / iris* pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to *enable / cable* them to participate in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to *version / build* on the success of this initial *rollout / roulette* to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, this pilot *protect / project* is to find the best implementation method before it is proposed for *contraction / expansion*." The plans include enhancing educational television programming for students with *not / no* Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the *heard / hard* of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' *needs / needy*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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n\_\_ds.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**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. ONLINE LEARNING:** Make a poster about online learning. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FACE-TO-FACE:** Write a magazine article about requiring all schools to go back to face-to-face teaching. 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 online learning. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinion on it. 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. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c T    d T    e T    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A tumultuous one
2. Online platforms
3. Students
4. Technology
5. Computers, tablets and smartphones
6. A new initiative
7. 500
8. Educational television programming
9. Sign language interpreters
10. Students' needs

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The year 2020 has been a tumultuous one.
2. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe.
3. Millions of students were stuck at home.
4. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education.
5. The quality of education differed around the world.
6. Rolled out an initiative to help underprivileged children.
7. Enable them to participate in online lessons.
8. Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need.
9. Sign language interpreters for the hard of hearing.
10. Happy her government was prioritizing students' needs.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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