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Level 2 – 28th January, 2021

Fans get inside space bubbles for rock concert

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A band played the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The audience of the rock group the Flaming Lips were all in giant, plastic bubbles called Zorbs. The band played two concerts in the city of Oklahoma. All band members were inside their own bubble. There were 100 bubbles at the shows. Some bubbles contained three people. The bubbles may allow concerts to go ahead during the pandemic. Every bubble has a special speaker, a water bottle, a battery-operated fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee" sign. Workers refill the bubble with cool air if it gets too hot.

The idea for the bubbles came from lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb to roll over the crowd at his concerts. He thought Zorb concerts would be COVID-safe. He said a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told a magazine: "It's a weird event, but the weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited, people being happy, and people really having fun....I think it's [the] 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to...work it out."

Sources: <https://www.loudersound.com/news/the-flaming-lips-bubble-concert-could-be-a-blueprint-to-revolutionise-the-live-music-circuit>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. in giant, | a. members |
| 2. The band played | b. at the shows |
| 3. band | c. air |
| 4. There were 100 bubbles | d. hot |
| 5. bubbles may allow concerts | e. two concerts |
| 6. a battery- | f. to go ahead |
| 7. refill the bubble with cool | g. plastic bubbles |
| 8. if it gets too | h. operated fan |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. lead | a. safe |
| 2. the crowd at | b. store |
| 3. concerts would be COVID- | c. it out |
| 4. He said a space bubble concert | d. singer |
| 5. going to the grocery | e. to a show |
| 6. I think it's the new | f. his concerts |
| 7. You might go | g. is safer |
| 8. we're going to work | h. normal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (7) _____ bubbles came from lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb (8) _____ the crowd at his concerts. He thought Zorb concerts would be COVID-safe. He said a space bubble concert is "(9) _____ to the grocery store". He told a magazine: "It's a weird event, but the weirdness is so we can (10) _____ before putting our families and everybody at risk." He added: "You see people excited, people being happy, and people really having fun....I think it's (11) _____. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to... (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CONCERTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about concerts 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) _____

