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**Level 1** – 9th June, 2021

## Supersonic passenger jets could be flying by 2029

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210609-supersonic-jets-1.html>

There could be supersonic passenger planes this decade. Supersonic means faster than the speed of sound, which is 1,234kph. United Airlines will buy 15 supersonic jets. The planes will fly up to 88 business class passengers and have a top speed of 2,099kph. Most modern airplanes fly at around 1,000kph. The new planes will cut the time it takes to fly from London to New York from around 7 1/2 hours to less than four hours.

The United Airlines jets will be the first supersonic jets to make commercial flights since 2003. The cost of the tickets will be about the same as regular business class tickets. Previously, supersonic travel cost over 20 times more than economy class. Only the super-rich could fly. The new planes will use less fuel and will be net-zero carbon. The cost of each airplane is around \$200 million. Boom already has around \$6 billion in orders.

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<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/supersonic-boom-overture-is-set-to-become-the-world-s-fastest-airliner-162499.html>  
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<https://boomsupersonic.com/overture>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. supersonic passenger        | a. class passengers     |
| 2. faster than the speed       | b. at around 1,000kph   |
| 3. United Airlines will buy 15 | c. less than four hours |
| 4. business                    | d. planes               |
| 5. a top speed                 | e. supersonic jets      |
| 6. modern airplanes fly        | f. takes to fly         |
| 7. cut the time it             | g. of 2,099kph          |
| 8. from around 7 1/2 hours to  | h. of sound             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the first supersonic jets to make | a. rich could fly     |
| 2. The cost of the tickets will be   | b. of each airplane   |
| 3. economy                           | c. about the same     |
| 4. Only the super-                   | d. in orders          |
| 5. The new planes will               | e. class              |
| 6. net-                              | f. use less fuel      |
| 7. The cost                          | g. zero carbon        |
| 8. around \$6 billion                | h. commercial flights |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The United Airlines jets will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ supersonic jets to make commercial (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The cost of the tickets will be about the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ business class tickets. Previously, supersonic travel (4) \_\_\_\_\_ times more than economy class. Only the super-rich could fly. The new planes will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and will be net-zero carbon. The cost of each airplane is around \$200 million. Boom already has around \$6 (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

