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TIME names Elon Musk 2021 Person of the Year

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THE ARTICLE

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The year 2021 was an amazing one for Elon Musk. He went into space* in his own rocket. It was made by his company SpaceX. This is a pioneer in space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well known for his car company Tesla. This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-edge industries. He first made his name by co-founding the e-payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading player in robotics, solar technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-speed public transport. TIME called him a genius and a visionary.

* ERROR: Elon Musk has never been into space.

Sources: <https://time.com/person-of-the-year-2021-elon-musk/>
<https://www.npr.org/2021/12/13/1063792887/elon-musk-time-person-of-the-year>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/12/13/media/slug-time-person-year-elon-musk/index.html>

WARM-UPS

1. ELON MUSK: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Elon Musk. 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?

time / magazine / person / award / 2021 / influence / life on Earth / society / space / rocket / pioneer / travel / Mars / electric car / engineer / inventor / robotics / genius

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

3. MARS: Students A **strongly** believe we should go to Mars; Students B **strongly** believe we shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ELON MUSK PROJECTS: What do you know about them? (Check the Internet.) How will they change the world? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Changing the World
SpaceX		
Tesla		
The Boring Company		
Neuralink		
Hyperloop		
PayPal		

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

6. INDUSTRIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important industries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Space travel
- Electric cars
- Artificial Intelligence
- Crypto-currency
- Solar technology
- Robotics
- Public transport
- Tunnel building

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. announce | a. With the possibility to develop or happen in the future. |
| 2. award | b. A person who sets up a business or businesses. |
| 3. entrepreneur | c. A prize given for an achievement or winning something. |
| 4. influence | d. Travel through an unfamiliar area to learn about it. |
| 5. potentially | e. Tell people about a fact, happening, or plan. |
| 6. massive | f. The power to have an effect on people or society. |
| 7. explore | g. Very, very, very big. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. pioneer | h. The latest or most advanced stage in the development of something. |
| 9. valued | i. most important. |
| 10. inventor | j. Start a new company with someone else. |
| 11. cutting-edge | k. Considered to be worth X amount of money. |
| 12. co-found | l. Someone who is very, very intelligent and has creative power or other natural abilities. |
| 13. leading | m. A person who is one of the first to research and develop a new area of knowledge or activity. |
| 14. genius | n. A person who thinks of and makes new things not seen before. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

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

1. TIME announces its Person of the Year every November. **T / F**
2. The article says no one has influenced society more than Elon Musk. **T / F**
3. Elon Musk is worth over \$250 billion. **T / F**
4. Elon Musk is the richest person in history. **T / F**
5. Elon Musk went into space in one of his own rockets. **T / F**
6. The car company Tesla controls three-quarters of the electric car market. **T / F**
7. Elon Musk helped to create the e-payments company PayPal. **T / F**
8. TIME magazine said Elon Musk was a genius. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. award | a. worth |
| 2. entrepreneur | b. power |
| 3. influence | c. attempts |
| 4. shift | d. participant |
| 5. efforts | e. business person |
| 6. amazing | f. innovator |
| 7. pioneer | g. mastermind |
| 8. valued | h. prize |
| 9. player | i. unbelievable |
| 10. genius | j. change |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Few individuals have had more | a. electric car market |
| 2. life | b. more than \$255 billion |
| 3. Mr Musk is worth | c. intelligence |
| 4. He is also helping to save | d. on Earth |
| 5. He is leading efforts | e. player in robotics |
| 6. The year 2021 was an amazing | f. our world |
| 7. two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar | g. influence than Musk |
| 8. a trailblazer in many other cutting- | h. one for Elon Musk |
| 9. he is a leading | i. to explore space |
| 10. artificial | j. edge industries |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

Every December, TIME magazine announces its Person of the Year. This year, that (1) _____ goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME's (2) _____ -in-chief Edward Felsenthal explained why. He wrote: "Person of the Year is a marker of influence. Few individuals have had more (3) _____ than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, (4) _____ off Earth too." He added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just as the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of a (5) _____ shift in our society." Mr Musk is (6) _____ more than \$255 billion. He is the richest person in history. He is also helping to (7) _____ our world and our future. He is leading efforts to (8) _____ space and get to Mars.

influence
massive
award
save
life
explore
editor
worth

The year 2021 was an (9) _____ one for Elon Musk. He went into space in his own rocket. It was made by his company SpaceX. This is a (10) _____ in space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well (11) _____ for his car company Tesla. This controls two-(12) _____ of the multi-billion-dollar electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-(13) _____ industries. He first made his name by co-(14) _____ the e-payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading player in robotics, (15) _____ technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-speed (16) _____ transport. TIME called him a genius and a visionary.

founding
amazing
public
edge
known
solar
pioneer
thirds

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

- 1) TIME's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal _____
 - a. explained what
 - b. explained whey
 - c. explained why
 - d. explained way
- 2) Few individuals have had more influence than Musk on _____
 - a. life in Earth
 - b. life on Earth
 - c. life unearth
 - d. life unearthed
- 3) the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of _____
 - a. a mass sieve shift
 - b. amass sieve shift
 - c. amass if shift
 - d. a massive shift
- 4) He is also helping to save our world _____
 - a. and dour future
 - b. an dour future
 - c. and our future
 - d. end our future
- 5) He is leading efforts _____
 - a. too explore space
 - b. to explore space
 - c. two explore space
 - d. tow explore space
- 6) He went into space in _____
 - a. his sown rocket
 - b. his own rocket
 - c. his sewn rocket
 - d. his zone rocket
- 7) This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar _____
 - a. electric car market
 - b. electric calm market
 - c. electric calm ark it
 - d. electric karma kit
- 8) an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other _____
 - a. cut thing edge industries
 - b. cut tin edge industries
 - c. cut tin hedge industries
 - d. cutting-edge industries
- 9) crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-_____
 - a. seed public transport
 - b. speed public transport
 - c. spread public transport
 - d. speared public transport
- 10) TIME called him a genius _____
 - a. an dab is on airy
 - b. end of visionary
 - c. and a visionary
 - d. and a vision every

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

1. When does TIME magazine announce its Person of the Year?
2. What did TIME say the Person of the Year was a marker of?
3. What did TIME say Elon Musk potentially influenced?
4. How much money is Elon Musk worth?
5. Where does Elon Musk want to get to?
6. What did TIME say was amazing for Elon Musk?
7. What does the article say Mr Musk is a pioneer of?
8. How much is Tesla worth?
9. What company does the article say Mr Musk co-founded?
10. What did TIME call Mr Musk besides a genius?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

- 1) When does TIME magazine announce its Person of the Year?
 - a) in December
 - b) lunchtime
 - c) every two years
 - d) On Xmas Day
- 2) What did TIME say the Person of the Year was a marker of?
 - a) whiteboards
 - b) time
 - c) influence
 - d) exams
- 3) What did TIME say Elon Musk potentially influenced?
 - a) time itself
 - b) life off Earth
 - c) matter
 - d) space
- 4) How much money is Elon Musk worth?
 - a) exactly \$255 billion
 - b) around \$255 billion
 - c) a dollar or two less than \$255 billion
 - d) more than \$255 billion
- 5) Where does Elon Musk want to get to?
 - a) Mars
 - b) number one
 - c) the top
 - d) he's not sure
- 6) What did TIME say was amazing for Elon Musk?
 - a) the best time
 - b) 11:32am
 - c) the twentieth century
 - d) 2021
- 7) What does the article say Mr Musk is a pioneer of?
 - a) music
 - b) space tourism
 - c) tissue paper
 - d) thought
- 8) How much is Tesla worth?
 - a) less than \$1 trillion
 - b) more than \$1 trillion
 - c) exactly \$1 trillion
 - d) around \$1 trillion
- 9) What company does the article say Mr Musk co-founded?
 - a) Netflix
 - b) Facebook
 - c) PayPal
 - d) Spotify
- 10) What did TIME call Mr Musk besides a genius?
 - a) Bob
 - b) a visionary
 - c) a very nice young man
 - d) a wizard

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Space Travel

You think space travel is the most important industry for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their industries. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): electric cars, Artificial Intelligence or solar technology.

Role B – Electric Cars

You think electric cars is the most important industry for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their industries. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): space travel, Artificial Intelligence or solar technology.

Role C – Artificial Intelligence

You think Artificial Intelligence is the most important industry for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their industries. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): electric cars, space travel or solar technology.

Role D – Solar Technology

You think solar technology is the most important industry for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their industries. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): electric cars, Artificial Intelligence or space travel.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

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

time	person
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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">• award• few• just• worth• history• leading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• one• tourism• thirds• cutting• player• called
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ELON MUSK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Elon Musk 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.

ELON MUSK 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 'time'?
3. What do you know about Elon Musk?
4. Who is your person of the year?
5. How has Elon Musk changed people's lives?
6. What would it be like to be the world's richest person?
7. What else can Mr Musk do to help life on Earth?
8. How can we become as successful as Elon Musk?
9. Should humans go to Mars?
10. What advice do you have for Elon Musk?

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ELON MUSK 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 'person'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would you like to know about Elon Musk?
15. Who is your person of the century?
16. What do you think of the car company Tesla?
17. What do you think of PayPal?
18. What three adjectives best describe Elon Musk?
19. How much of a genius and visionary is Mr Musk?
20. What questions would you like to ask Elon Musk?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) announce | (b) announcing | (c) announces | (d) announcer |
| 2. | (a) goes | (b) takes | (c) gives | (d) does |
| 3. | (a) Few | (b) Numeral | (c) Variety | (d) None |
| 4. | (a) not | (b) now | (c) no | (d) none |
| 5. | (a) priced | (b) cost | (c) value | (d) worth |
| 6. | (a) ceding | (b) beading | (c) reading | (d) leading |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) to | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) ability | (b) capable | (c) able | (d) enable |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) surname | (b) name | (c) title | (d) honorific |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) to | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) genius | (b) gene | (c) genie | (d) genial |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. TIME magazine nanuocnes its Person of the Year
2. more fulneicne than Musk
3. and epinttaloly, life off Earth
4. a assmvie shift in our society
5. Mr Musk is hrotw more than \$255 billion
6. He is leading efforts to explore space

Paragraph 2

7. a inopeer in space tourism
8. an engineer, nventior and a trailblazer
9. cutting-edge ndsirtuies
10. a leading player in brtooics
11. citiirafal intelligence
12. TIME called him a genius and a ivoryinsa

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Every December, TIME magazine announces its Person of the Year. This year, that award goes
- () market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-
- () to the groundbreaking entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal explained
- () edge industries. He first made his name by co-founding the e-payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading
- () than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth too." He added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just as the world's
- () and super-speed public transport. TIME called him a genius and a visionary.
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- () richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of a massive shift in our society." Mr Musk is worth
- () more than \$255 billion. He is the richest person in history. He is also helping to save our
- () by his company SpaceX. This is a pioneer in space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well
- () player in robotics, solar technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence
- () known for his car company Tesla. This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar electric car
- () The year 2021 was an amazing one for Elon Musk. He went into space in his own rocket. It was made
- () world and our future. He is leading efforts to explore space and get to Mars.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. award goes entrepreneur . the to That groundbreaking
2. individuals more than have influence Musk . Few had
3. our of massive in society . a Examples shift
4. is to He save world . also our helping
5. He efforts leading space . to explore is
6. He his into space in went own rocket .
7. multi-billion-dollar electric Two-thirds car the of market .
8. A other trailblazer industries . cutting-edge many in
9. He his PayPal . co-founding first name by made
10. leading Today, he in robotics . player is a

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Every December, TIME magazine announces its Person of the Year. This year, that *reward / award* goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal explained *what / why*. He wrote: "Person of the Year is a marker of *influence / influential*. Few individuals have had more influence than Musk *on / in* life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth *addition / too*." He added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just *was / as* the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest *example / specimen* of a massive shift in our society." Mr Musk is *worth / value* more than \$255 billion. He is the richest person in history. He is also helping to *keep / save* our world and our future. He is leading efforts *to / by* explore space and get to Mars.

The year 2021 was an *amazed / amazing* one for Elon Musk. He went into space in his *down / own* rocket. It was made by his company SpaceX. This is a pioneer *in / on* space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well *knowing / known* for his car company Tesla. This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar *electricity / electric* car market. It is valued at *around / astound* \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-edge *industry / industries*. He first made his *surname / name* by co-founding the e-payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading player in robotics, solar technology, cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence and super-speed *public / publicity* transport. TIME called him a *genie / genius* and a visionary.

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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_v_ry D_c_mb_r, T_M_ m_g_z_n_ _nn__nc_s _ts
P_rs_n _f th_ Y__r. Th_s y__r, th_t _w_rd g__s t_
th_ gr__ndbr__k_ng _ntr_pr_n__r _l_n M_sk. T_M_'s
_d_t_r-_n-ch__f _dw_rd F_ls_nth_l _xpl__n_d why. H_
wr_t_: "P_rs_n _f th_ Y__r _s _ m_rk_r _f _nfl__nc_.
F_w _nd_v_d__ls h_v_ h_d m_r_ _nfl__nc_ th_n M_sk
_n l_f_ _n __rth, _nd p_t_nt__lly, l_f_ _ff __rth t__."
H_ _dd_d: "_n 2021, M_sk _m_rg_d n_t j_st _s th_
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r_ch_st _x_mpl_ _f _ m_ss_v_ sh_ft _n __r s_c__ty."
Mr M_sk _s w_rth m_r_ th_n \$255 b_ll__n. H_ _s th_
r_ch_st p_rs_n _n h_st_ry. H_ _s _ls_ h_lp_ng t_ s_v_
__r w_rld _nd __r f_t_r_. H_ _s l__d_ng _ff_rts t_
_xpl_r_ sp_c_ _nd g_t t_ M_rs.

Th_ y__r 2021 w_s _n _m_z_ng _n_ f_r _l_n M_sk.
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211216-elon-musk.html>

every december time magazine announces its person of the year this year that award goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur elon musk times editorinchief edward felsenthal explained why he wrote person of the year is a marker of influence few individuals have had more influence than musk on life on earth and potentially life off earth too he added in 2021 musk emerged not just as the worlds richest person but also as perhaps the richest example of a massive shift in our society mr musk is worth more than 255 billion he is the richest person in history he is also helping to save our world and our future he is leading efforts to explore space and get to mars

the year 2021 was an amazing one for elon musk he went into space in his own rocket it was made by his company spacex this is a pioneer in space tourism it might enable us to travel to mars mr musk is also well known for his car company tesla this controls twothirds of the multibilliondollar electric car market it is valued at around 1 trillion musk is also an engineer inventor and a trailblazer in many other cuttingedge industries he first made his name by cofounding the epayments company paypal today he is a leading player in robotics solar technology cryptocurrency artificial intelligence and superspeed public transport time called him a genius and a visionary

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Every December, TIME magazine announces its Person of the Year. This year, that award goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal explained why. He wrote: "Person of the Year is a marker of influence. Few individuals have had more influence than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth too." He added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just as the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of a massive shift in our society." Mr Musk is worth more than \$255 billion. He is the richest person in history. He is also helping to save our world and our future. He is leading efforts to explore space and get to Mars. The year 2021 was an amazing one for Elon Musk. He went into space in his own rocket. It was made by his company SpaceX. This is a pioneer in space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well known for his car company Tesla. This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-edge industries. He first made his name by co-founding the payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading player in robotics, solar technology, crypto-currency, artificial intelligence and super-speed public transport. TIME called him a genius and a visionary.

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. ELON MUSK: Make a poster about Elon Musk. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PERSON OF THE YEAR: Write a magazine article about a person of the year being important. 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 Elon Musk. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions on Mr Musk. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. In December
2. Influence
3. Life off Earth
4. More than \$255 billion
5. Mars
6. 2021
7. Space tourism
8. Around \$1 trillion
9. PayPal
10. A visionary

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. That award goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur.
2. Few individuals have had more influence than Musk.
3. Examples of a massive shift in our society.
4. He is also helping to save our world.
5. He is leading efforts to explore space.
6. He went into space in his own rocket.
7. Two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar electric car market.
8. A trailblazer in many other cutting-edge industries.
9. He first made his name by co-founding PayPal.
10. Today, he is a leading player in robotics.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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