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Level 1 – 16th January, 2021

Paris' Champs-Elysees to be 'extraordinary garden'

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees-1.html>

The mayor of Paris has big plans to change the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She wants to turn it into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in the heart of Paris. People say it is, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many people think it looks old. They want it to look more modern. The mayor wants to cut the number of car lanes to make more room for shoppers and tourists. She wants more trees to make it greener.

The Champs-Elysees was very elegant. There were showrooms full of luxury cars, and designer fashion stores. Many rich people shopped there. Today, it is like other streets in the world, with international chain stores, fast food restaurants and coffee shops. The mayor said: "We will redo [one area] before the Olympic Games, then the full length of the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The project will cost \$305 million.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/paris-mayor-pushes-ahead-with-plan-to-give-champs-elysees-a-305-million-green-makeover/>
<https://www.thelocal.fr/20210111/green-light-for-paris-famous-champs-elysee-to-be-turned-into-garden>
<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/pariss-champs-elysees-garden-renovation-1936162>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. big plans to change the city's | a. in the world |
| 2. in the heart | b. tourists |
| 3. the most beautiful avenue | c. of Paris |
| 4. They want it to look | d. make it greener |
| 5. The mayor wants to cut the | e. more modern |
| 6. make | f. famous street |
| 7. shoppers and | g. more room |
| 8. She wants more trees to | h. number of car lanes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Champs-Elysees was very | a. of luxury cars |
| 2. showrooms full | b. \$305 million |
| 3. Many rich people | c. the world |
| 4. it is like other streets in | d. one area |
| 5. international chain | e. of the avenue |
| 6. We will redo | f. elegant |
| 7. the full length | g. shopped there |
| 8. The project will cost | h. stores |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees-1.html>

The mayor of Paris (1) _____ to change the city's famous street the Champs-Elysees. She (2) _____ it into an "extraordinary garden". The Champs-Elysees is in (3) _____ Paris. People say it is, "the most beautiful avenue in the world". However, many people think (4) _____. They want it to look more modern. The mayor wants to (5) _____ of car lanes to make more room for (6) _____. She wants more trees to make it greener.

The Champs-Elysees (7) _____. There were showrooms (8) _____ cars, and designer fashion stores. Many rich people shopped there. Today, it (9) _____ streets in the world, with international chain stores, fast food restaurants (10) _____. The mayor said: "We will (11) _____ before the Olympic Games, then the (12) _____ the avenue afterwards. It will be an extraordinary garden." The project will cost \$305 million.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PARIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210116-champs-elysees-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Paris 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) _____

