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Level 2 – 18th January 2024

World will see first trillionaire in next 10 years

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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 song and a quiz show ask, "Who wants to be a millionaire?" A million dollars was the goal of the super-rich. Now, it is a billion dollars. The anti-poverty charity Oxfam has said that in the next ten years, the world will have its first trillionaire. A trillion is a huge number. It is a one, followed by 12 zeros. It is equal to one million million. Oxfam said the wealth gap between the rich and poor is growing. The gap "supercharged" after the coronavirus pandemic. It added: "We will have a trillionaire within a decade, whereas to fight poverty, we need more than 200 years."

Oxfam's report is about inequality. It said the wealth of the world's five richest people has increased by 114 per cent since 2020. It added: "The top five billionaires have doubled their wealth. On the other hand, almost five billion people have become poorer." Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the world's richest man. His fortune is just under \$250 billion. The AP news agency said someone with a trillion-dollar milestone would "have the same value as oil-rich Saudi Arabia". Oxfam said the world will see a "decade of division". It wants a "new era of public action" to reduce the wealth gap.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/income-inequality-billionaires-davos-85baf23e9a2a7d4d94da5aca11f3ca5e>
<https://time.com/6555516/first-trillionaire-oxfam-report-billionaire-inequality/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A song and a quiz | a. a huge number |
| 2. A million dollars was the goal | b. ten years |
| 3. The anti-poverty | c. poverty |
| 4. in the next | d. of the super-rich |
| 5. the world will have its | e. the rich and poor |
| 6. A trillion is | f. first trillionaire |
| 7. the wealth gap between | g. show |
| 8. fight | h. charity Oxfam |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Oxfam's report is about | a. hand |
| 2. The top five billionaires have | b. of public action |
| 3. On the other | c. rich Saudi Arabia |
| 4. five billion people have | d. gap |
| 5. His fortune is just | e. doubled their wealth |
| 6. have the same value as oil- | f. under \$250 billion |
| 7. It wants a new era | g. inequality |
| 8. reduce the wealth | h. become poorer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A song and a (1) _____, "Who wants to be a millionaire?" A million dollars was the goal (2) _____. Now, it is a billion dollars. The anti-poverty charity Oxfam has said that in the (3) _____, the world will have its first trillionaire. A trillion is a huge number. It is a one, followed by 12 zeros. It is equal to one million million. Oxfam said (4) _____ between the rich and (5) _____. The gap "supercharged" after the coronavirus pandemic. It added: "We will have a trillionaire within a decade, whereas (6) _____, we need more than 200 years."

Oxfam's report (7) _____. It said the wealth of the world's five richest people has increased by 114 per cent since 2020. It added: "The top five billionaires have (8) _____. On the other hand, almost five billion people have become poorer." Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the (9) _____. His fortune is just under \$250 billion. The AP news agency said someone with a trillion-dollar milestone would "have (10) _____ as oil-rich Saudi Arabia". Oxfam said the world will (11) _____ of division". It wants a "new era of public action" to reduce (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRILLIONAIRES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about trillionaires 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) _____

