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Level 0

Amazon Alexa to reward kids who say 'Please'

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Amazon has a new virtual assistant called "FreeTime". It has a "Magic Word" function that says "please" and "thank you".

Amazon wants children to copy these two words when they ask the assistant questions. FreeTime will answer and then say:

"Thank you for asking so nicely."

Many people think technology teaches children to be rude.

Children forget to say "please" or "thank you". Not everyone is happy with this new technology. Some people think technology stops face-to-face conversation. They think parents should spend more time with children and teach them to say "please" and "thank you".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a new virtual | a. and "thank you" |
| 2. It has a "Magic Word" | b. asking so nicely |
| 3. "please" | c. assistant |
| 4. Amazon wants | d. to be rude |
| 5. they ask the assistant | e. function |
| 6. FreeTime will | f. questions |
| 7. Thank you for | g. children to copy these |
| 8. technology teaches children | h. answer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Children forget to | a. technology |
| 2. Not everyone | b. them |
| 3. this new | c. should |
| 4. technology stops face-to-face | d. is happy |
| 5. They think parents | e. please" |
| 6. spend more | f. say "please" |
| 7. teach | g. time with children |
| 8. say " | h. conversation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Amazon (1) _____ virtual assistant called "FreeTime". (2) _____ "Magic Word" function that (3) _____ "thank you". Amazon wants children to (4) _____ words when they ask the assistant questions. FreeTime (5) _____ then say: "Thank you for (6) _____."

(7) _____ technology teaches children to be rude. Children (8) _____ "please" or "thank you". Not everyone (9) _____ this new technology. Some people think technology stops (10) _____ conversation. They think parents should (11) _____ with children and teach (12) _____ "please" and "thank you".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SAYING PLEASE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180428-saying-please-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about saying please 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **saying please** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
