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2021 not as bad as 2020, says think tank

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A think tank has suggested that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a non-profit body of experts specializing in foreign policy and international affairs. It celebrated its centenary in 2021. It stated that 2021 "wasn't as tumultuous as 2020". There was still plenty of bad news. Perhaps the worst was the failure to properly address the climate change challenge. This led to the UN declaring "a code red for humanity". Other top stories included coronavirus, mass migration, the supply chain crisis, and the Taliban returning to power.

The CFR said 2021 did bring some good news. It said: "For a moment in early summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror." On the brighter side, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations were given. Notable achievements in 2021 included NASA's Perseverance rover successfully extracting a sample of Martian rock for the first time. In health news the WHO declared China free of malaria. There was also good news regarding sustainability with the first passenger aircraft to use 100 per cent sustainable fuel.

Sources: <https://www.cfr.org/blog/ten-most-significant-world-events-2021>
<https://www.wired.com/story/2021-positive-news/>
<https://www.theweek.co.uk/news/world-news/955150/best-good-news-stories-from-2021>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the year 2021 wasn't | a. chain crisis |
| 2. a non-profit body | b. challenge |
| 3. specializing in foreign | c. to power |
| 4. It celebrated its | d. policy |
| 5. address the climate change | e. as bad as 2020 |
| 6. mass | f. centenary |
| 7. the supply | g. migration |
| 8. the Taliban returning | h. of experts |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. For a moment in | a. sustainability |
| 2. in the rearview | b. early summer |
| 3. on the brighter | c. fuel |
| 4. extracting a sample | d. mirror |
| 5. the WHO declared China free | e. aircraft |
| 6. There was also good news regarding | f. side |
| 7. the first passenger | g. of malaria |
| 8. use 100 per cent sustainable | h. of Martian rock |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ suggested that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a non-profit (2) _____ specializing in foreign policy and international affairs. It celebrated (3) _____ 2021. It stated that 2021 "wasn't as tumultuous as 2020". There was still (4) _____ news. Perhaps the worst was the failure to properly address the climate change challenge. This led to the UN declaring "a code (5) _____". Other top stories included coronavirus, mass migration, the (6) _____, and the Taliban returning to power.

The CFR said 2021 did (7) _____ news. It said: "For a (8) _____ summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror." On (9) _____, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations were given. Notable achievements in 2021 included NASA's Perseverance rover successfully (10) _____ of Martian rock for the first time. In health news the WHO declared China (11) _____. There was also good news regarding sustainability with the first passenger (12) _____ 100 per cent sustainable fuel.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE YEAR 2021 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the year 2021 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 **the year 2021** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
