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Level 3 – 31st December, 2020

2020 - A year we will never forget

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

For billions of people around the world, January the 1st, 2020 seemed like a great day. It was the start of a year that sounded like science fiction - 2020. Many people had great hopes for the year ahead. Few knew what a rollercoaster ride 2020 would be and how the world would change. The year has been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic chaos, lockdowns and masked populations. Another huge event was the death of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement and global protests. The year ended with Joe Biden being voted in as the President-elect of the USA.

Different people will have different memories of 2020. Our reporters asked people around the world to tell us what they will remember 2020 for. Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never forget the massive explosion at a Beirut port in August that killed at least 190 people. He said he thanked God none of his family or friends were hurt, but was sad at the destruction of his city. Lucy Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest moment came with the news of the vaccines for COVID-19. She said she could see light at the end of a long and dark tunnel. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan was saddened by the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they will go ahead in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

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WARM-UPS

1. THE YEAR 2020: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the year 2020. 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?

billions / science fiction / hopes / rollercoaster / pandemic / population / global / memories / remember / explosion / family / friends / destruction / light / tunnel

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

3. THE WORST: Students A **strongly** believe 2020 was the worst year ever; Students B **strongly** believe it wasn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. 2020: How was 2020 for you? What were the highs and lows? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Highs	Lows
English		
Money		
Relationships		
Hobbies		
Work		
Goals		

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

6. THINGS OF 2020: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for 2020 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Smartphone
- Mask
- English dictionary
- Games console
- Alcohol spray
- Sun block
- Thermometer
- Chocolate

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. billion | a. A statement or action expressing dislike of something. |
| 2. science fiction | b. Had a big influence on; exercised control over. |
| 3. dominated | c. Total disorder and confusion. |
| 4. pandemic | d. A one followed by nine zeroes (1,000,000,000). |
| 5. chaos | e. Wearing a covering over the face. |
| 6. masked | f. Stories about what we imagine the future to be like, or about space or time travel and life on other planets. |
| 7. protest | g. Of a disease that is all over a whole country or the world. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. memory | h. The action or process of causing so much damage to something that it no longer exists or cannot be repaired. |
| 9. massive | i. Really, really, really big. |
| 10. explosion | j. The action of putting something off until a later date. |
| 11. destruction | k. Something remembered from the past. |
| 12. port | l. A town or city with a harbor where ships load or unload, especially one where customs officers are. |
| 13. tunnel | m. A violent and destructive shattering or blowing apart of something. |
| 14. postponement | n. An underground road or path, especially one built through a hill or under a building, road, or river. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

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

- a. The article said millions of people thought 2020 would be a great year. **T / F**
- b. The article says there is a science fiction movie about the year 2020. **T / F**
- c. The article says 2020 was like a rollercoaster ride. **T / F**
- d. The article mentioned economic chaos and lockdowns. **T / F**
- e. Reporters asked people in India about their memories of 2020. **T / F**
- f. A man was sad about the explosion in Beirut in August. **T / F**
- g. A nurse was happy about vaccines being discovered for COVID-19. **T / F**
- h. A Japanese woman thinks 2021 will be equally bad. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. great | a. enormous |
| 2. ahead | b. disorganization |
| 3. chaos | c. dispirited |
| 4. huge | d. demonstrations |
| 5. protests | e. blast |
| 6. memories | f. to come |
| 7. explosion | g. ruination |
| 8. destruction | h. take place |
| 9. saddened | i. wonderful |
| 10. go ahead | j. recollections |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. For billions of people | a. explosion |
| 2. a year that sounded | b. for the year ahead |
| 3. Many people had great hopes | c. protests |
| 4. economic | d. and dark tunnel |
| 5. global | e. chaos |
| 6. Different people will have | f. ahead in 2021 |
| 7. massive | g. like science fiction |
| 8. the vaccines | h. different memories |
| 9. she could see light at the end of a long | i. for COVID-19 |
| 10. happy they will go | j. around the world |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

For billions of people around the world, January the 1st, 2020 seemed like a (1) _____ day. It was the start of a year that sounded like science (2) _____ - 2020. Many people had great (3) _____ for the year ahead. Few knew what a rollercoaster (4) _____ 2020 would be and how the world would change. The year has been dominated by the COVID-19 (5) _____. This has brought hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic (6) _____, lockdowns and masked populations. Another (7) _____ event was the death of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement and global protests. The year ended with Joe Biden being (8) _____ in as the President-elect of the USA.

hopes
huge
fiction
pandemic
voted
great
chaos
ride

Different people will have different (9) _____ of 2020. Our reporters asked people around the world to tell us what they will (10) _____ 2020 for. Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never forget the (11) _____ explosion at a Beirut port in August that killed at least 190 people. He said he thanked God none of his family or friends were (12) _____, but was sad at the destruction of his city. Lucy Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest (13) _____ came with the news of the (14) _____ for COVID-19. She said she could see light at the end of a long and dark (15) _____. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan was saddened by the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they will go (16) _____ in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

remember
hurt
ahead
massive
vaccines
memories
tunnel
moment

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

- 1) For billions of people around the world, January the 1st, 2020 _____ great day
 - a. seem like a
 - b. seems like a
 - c. seemed like a
 - d. seeming like a
- 2) It was the start of a year that sounded _____
 - a. like scientific friction
 - b. like science faction
 - c. like science fiction
 - d. like scientific fiction
- 3) Many people had great hopes for _____
 - a. the year as head
 - b. the year a head
 - c. the year ah head
 - d. the year ahead
- 4) hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic chaos, lockdowns _____
 - a. and mask populations
 - b. and masked population
 - c. and masked populations
 - d. and mask population
- 5) with Joe Biden being voted in as the President-_____ USA
 - a. erect of the
 - b. eject of the
 - c. electric of the
 - d. elect of the
- 6) asked people around the world to tell us what they will _____
 - a. remember 2020 four
 - b. remember 2020 for
 - c. remember 2020 of
 - d. remember 2020 from
- 7) Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never forget _____
 - a. the massive explosion
 - b. the missive explosion
 - c. the mass sieve explosion
 - d. the mass its explosion
- 8) He said he thanked God none of his family or friends were hurt, _____
 - a. but was sadly
 - b. but was sadden
 - c. but was sad
 - d. but was sadness
- 9) her happiest moment came with the news _____
 - a. of the vaccines
 - b. off the vaccines
 - c. of them vaccines
 - d. of then vaccines
- 10) postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they _____
 - a. will goes ahead
 - b. will go ahead
 - c. will goer head
 - d. will gone ahead

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

For billions of people around the world, January the 1st, 2020
(1) _____ great day. It was the start of a year that
sounded like science fiction - 2020. Many people had
(2) _____ the year ahead. Few knew what a rollercoaster
ride 2020 would be and how the world would change. The year has
(3) _____ the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought
hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic chaos,
(4) _____ populations. Another huge event was the death
of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July.
(5) _____ Black Lives Matter movement and global
protests. The year ended with Joe Biden (6) _____ as the
President-elect of the USA.

Different people will have (7) _____ 2020. Our reporters
asked people around the world to tell us what they will remember 2020 for.
Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never
(8) _____ explosion at a Beirut port in August that killed
at least 190 people. He said he thanked God none of his family or friends
were hurt, but (9) _____ the destruction of his city. Lucy
Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest (10) _____ the
news of the vaccines for COVID-19. She said she could see light at the end
of a long and dark tunnel. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan
(11) _____ the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is
happy they will (12) _____ 2021. She said 2021 would be
a good year.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

1. What does the article say seemed like a great day?
2. What does the article say 2020 sounded like?
3. What does the article compare 2020 to?
4. What kind of chaos does the article mention?
5. What movement does the article mention?
6. Where is Ahmed Hussein from?
7. Who did Ahmed Hussein thank?
8. What is Lucy Baxter's job?
9. Where could Lucy Baxter see light?
10. What did a Japanese woman say 2021 would be like?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

- 1) What does the article say seemed like a great day?
 - a) June the 8th
 - b) December the 31st
 - c) January the 1st
 - d) November the 5th
- 2) What does the article say 2020 sounded like?
 - a) science fiction
 - b) fun
 - c) a nightmare
 - d) a horror story
- 3) What does the article compare 2020 to?
 - a) a tunnel
 - b) 2019
 - c) the Dark Ages
 - d) a rollercoaster ride
- 4) What kind of chaos does the article mention?
 - a) social chaos
 - b) economic chaos
 - c) internal chaos
 - d) yearly chaos
- 5) What movement does the article mention?
 - a) Anti-war Movement
 - b) MeToo
 - c) Black Lives Matter
 - d) Extinction Rebellion
- 6) Where is Ahmed Hussein from?
 - a) Damascus, Syria
 - b) Beirut, Lebanon
 - c) Abu Dhabi, UAE
 - d) Rabat, Morocco
- 7) Who did Ahmed Hussein thank?
 - a) everyone
 - b) his mother
 - c) the President
 - d) God
- 8) What is Lucy Baxter's job?
 - a) soldier
 - b) nurse
 - c) teacher
 - d) scientist
- 9) Where could Lucy Baxter see light?
 - a) the end of a tunnel
 - b) in bed
 - c) under the door
 - d) in the sky
- 10) What did a Japanese woman say 2021 would be like?
 - a) weird
 - b) fantastic
 - c) scary
 - d) good

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Smartphone

You think a smartphone was the most essential item to have in 2020. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least essential of these (and why): a mask, an English dictionary or chocolate.

Role B – Mask

You think a mask was the most essential item to have in 2020. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least essential of these (and why): smartphone, an English dictionary or chocolate.

Role C – English Dictionary

You think an English dictionary was the most essential item to have in 2020. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least essential of these (and why): a mask, smartphone or chocolate.

Role D – Chocolate

You think chocolate was the most essential item to have in 2020. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least essential of these (and why): a mask, an English dictionary or smartphone.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'year' and '2020'.

year	2020

- 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:

• billions • start • ride • hundreds • hands • voted	• memories • forget • 190 • nurse • light • 2021
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THE YEAR 2020 SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the year 2020 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.

THE YEAR 2020 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 'year'?
3. What did you think of 2020?
4. What did you think 2020 would be like at the start of the year?
5. What was the best thing about 2020?
6. What regrets do you have about 2020?
7. How was your English studying in 2020?
8. How much did the pandemic affect you?
9. What do you know about the Black Lives Matter movement?
10. What do you think of President-elect Joe Biden?

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THE YEAR 2020 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 'forget'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Did you have any New Year's resolutions for 2020?
15. What was the biggest news story of 2020?
16. Who was the biggest personality of 2020?
17. What do you think of a vaccine being found?
18. Has there been a worse year than 2020?
19. Can you see light at the end of the tunnel?
20. What questions would you like to ask the reporters?

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) aground | (b) abound | (c) around | (d) astound |
| 2. (a) science | (b) physics | (c) chemistry | (d) biology |
| 3. (a) ride | (b) drive | (c) fly | (d) sail |
| 4. (a) by | (b) as | (c) to | (d) at |
| 5. (a) stomachs | (b) backs | (c) heads | (d) hands |
| 6. (a) of | (b) at | (c) up | (d) in |
| 7. (a) for | (b) on | (c) which | (d) as |
| 8. (a) big-up | (b) hugely | (c) enormity | (d) massive |
| 9. (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) to |
| 10. (a) torch | (b) light | (c) shine | (d) ray |
| 11. (a) sadness | (b) saddened | (c) sadly | (d) sadist |
| 12. (a) go | (b) come | (c) up | (d) down |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. iollsni of people
2. sounded like encsice fiction
3. what a ercsleaooltrr ride
4. economic ohcsa
5. global sopesttr
6. the President-etcel of the USA

Paragraph 2

7. different moeemsri of 2020
8. massive piolosnex
9. the tencsudtiro of his city
10. news of the ncavice for COVID-19
11. the end of a long and dark netnlu
12. the onsetpntopme of the Tokyo Olympics

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () forget the massive explosion at a Beirut port in August that killed at least 190 people. He said he thanked
- () Different people will have different memories of 2020. Our reporters asked people around the
- () by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic
- () by the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they will go ahead in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.
- () protests. The year ended with Joe Biden being voted in as the President-elect of the USA.
- () city. Lucy Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest moment came with the news of the
- () chaos, lockdowns and masked populations. Another huge event was the death
- () vaccines for COVID-19. She said she could see light at the end of a long and dark tunnel. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan was saddened
- () like science fiction - 2020. Many people had great hopes for the year ahead. Few knew what a rollercoaster
- () of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement and global
- () ride 2020 would be and how the world would change. The year has been dominated
- (**1**) For billions of people around the world, January the 1st, 2020 seemed like a great day. It was the start of a year that sounded
- () God none of his family or friends were hurt, but was sad at the destruction of his
- () world to tell us what they will remember 2020 for. Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

1. billions the people around For world . of
2. for the year had People ahead . hopes great
3. deaths . thousands of brought of hundreds has This
4. the Black Matter movement . sparked This Lives
5. the President-elect Voted the of as USA .
6. people memories of will Different have 2020 . different
7. reporters the people asked world . around Our
8. forget massive would He the never explosion .
9. light a the at See of end tunnel .
10. a year . 2021 would be said good She

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

For billions of people *around / abound* the world, January the 1st, 2020 seemed like a great day. It was the start of a year that sounded like science *friction / fiction* - 2020. Many people had great hopes for the year *behind / ahead*. Few knew what a rollercoaster ride 2020 would be and how the world would *change / charge*. The year has been dominated *at / by* the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought hundreds *of / for* thousands of deaths, economic chaos, lockdowns and *asked / masked* populations. Another huge event was the *death / dead* of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement and *global / globally* protests. The year ended with Joe Biden being voted *at / in* as the President-elect of the USA.

Different people will have different *memorise / memories* of 2020. Our reporters asked people around the world to tell *them / us* what they will remember 2020 *of / for*. Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never *forget / forgetting* the massive explosion at a Beirut *part / port* in August that killed at least 190 people. He said he thanked God none of his family or friends were *hurts / hurt*, but was sad at the destruction of his city. Lucy Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest *moment / monument* came with the news of the vaccines for COVID-19. She said she could see *right / light* at the end of a long and dark tunnel. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan was saddened *by / of* the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they will go *ahead / head* in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

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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F_r b_ll__ns _f p__pl_ _r__nd th_ w_rld, J_n__ry th_ 1st, 2020 s__m_d l_k_ _ gr__t d_y. _t w_s th_ st_rt _f _ y__r th_t s__nd_d l_k_ sc__nc_ f_ct__n - 2020. M_ny p__pl_ h_d gr__t h_p_s f_r th_ y__r _h__d. F_w kn_w wh_t _ r_ll_rc__st_r r_d_ 2020 w__ld b_ _nd h_w th_ w_rld w__ld ch_ng_. Th_ y__r h_s b__n d_m_n_t_d by th_ C_V_D-19 p_nd_m_c. Th_s h_s br_ght h_ndr_ds _f th__s_nds _f d__ths, _c_n_m_c ch__s, l_ckd_wns _nd m_sk_d p_p_l_t__ns. _n_th_r h_g_ _v_nt w_s th_ d__th _f G__rg_ Fl_yd _t th_ h_nds _f _S. p_l_c_ _n J_ly. Th_s sp_rk_d th_ Bl_ck L_v_s M_tt_r m_v_m_nt _nd gl_b_l pr_t_sts. Th_ y__r _nd_d w_th J__ B_d_n b__ng v_t_d _n _s th_ Pr_s_d_nt-l_ct _f th_ _S_.

D_ff_r_nt p__pl_ w_ll h_v_ d_ff_r_nt m_m_r__s _f 2020. __r r_p_rts _sk_d p__pl_ _r__nd th_ w_rld t_t_ll _s wh_t th_y w_ll r_m_mb_r 2020 f_r. _hm_d H_ss__n fr_m L_b_n_n s__d h_ w__ld n_v_r f_rg_t th_ m_ss_v_ _xpl_s__n _t _ B__rt p_rt _n __g_st th_t k_ll_d _t l__st 190 p__pl_. H_ s__d h_ th_nk_d G_d n_n_ _f h_s f_m_ly _r fr__nds w_r_ h_rt, b_t w_s s_d _t th_ d_str_ct__n _f h_s c_t_y. L_cy B_xt_r, _ n_rs_ _n th_ _K, s__d h_r h_pp__st m_m_nt c_m_ w_th th_ n_ws _f th_ v_cc_n_s f_r C_V_D-19. Sh_ s__d sh_c__ld s__ l_ght _t th_ _nd _f _ l_ng _nd d_rk t_nn_l. _y_m_ M_y_m_t_ _f J_p_n w_s s_dd_n_d by th_ p_stp_n_m_nt _f th_ T_ky_ _lymp_cs b_t _s h_ppy th_y w_ll g_ _h__d _n 2021. Sh_ s__d 2021 w__ld b_ _ g__d y__r.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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different people will have different memories of 2020 our reporters asked people around the world to tell us what they will remember 2020 for ahmed hussein from lebanon said he would never forget the massive explosion at a beirut port in august that killed at least 190 people he said he thanked god none of his family or friends were hurt but was sad at the destruction of his city lucy baxter a nurse in the uk said her happiest moment came with the news of the vaccines for covid19 she said she could see light at the end of a long and dark tunnel ayumi miyamoto of japan was saddened by the postponement of the tokyo olympics but is happy they will go ahead in 2021 she said 2021 would be a good year

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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For billionsof people around the world, January the 1st, 2020 seemed like a great day. It was the start of a year that sounded like science fiction - 2020. Many people had great hopes for the year ahead. Few knew what a roller coaster ride 2020 would be and how the world would change. The year has been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has brought hundreds of thousands of deaths, economic chaos, lockdowns and masked populations. Another huge event was the death of George Floyd at the hands of U.S. police in July. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement and global protests. The year ended with Joe Biden being voted in as the President-elect of the USA. Different people will have different memories of 2020. Our reporters asked people around the world to tell us what they will remember 2020 for. Ahmed Hussein from Lebanon said he would never forget the massive explosion at a Beirut port in August that killed at least 190 people. He said he thanked God none of his family or friends were hurt, but was sad at the destruction of his city. Lucy Baxter, a nurse in the UK, said her happiest moment came with the news of the vaccines for COVID-19. She said she could see light at the end of a long and dark tunnel. Ayumi Miyamoto of Japan was saddened by the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics but is happy they will go ahead in 2021. She said 2021 would be a good year.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **the year 2020** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201231-the-year-2020.html>

What three things can we learn from 2020 to make the world a better place?

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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. THE YEAR 2020: Make a poster about the year 2020. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE WORST: Write a magazine article about the year 2020 being the worst ever. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with 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 the year 2020. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. January the 1st
2. Science fiction
3. A rollercoaster ride
4. Economic chaos
5. Black Lives Matter
6. Beirut, Lebanon
7. God
8. Nurse
9. The end of a tunnel
10. Good

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. For billions of people around the world.
2. People had great hopes for the year ahead.
3. This has brought hundreds of thousands of deaths.
4. This sparked the Black Lives Matter movement.
5. Voted as the President-elect of the USA.
6. Different people will have different memories of 2020.
7. Our reporters asked people around the world.
8. He would never forget the massive explosion.
9. See light at the end of a tunnel.
10. She said 2021 would be a good year.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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