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R&B singer Akon to build futuristic city

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The singer Akon will build a city from scratch. He has raised money for a futuristic city of 300,000 people on Africa's west coast. He will call it Akon City. He said it was a "real-life Wakanda" - the city from the movie "Black Panther". Akon was born in the USA to Senegalese parents. He said construction on the \$6 billion project will start next year and take three years to finish. He hopes it will provide much-needed jobs for Senegalese people.

Designs on akoncity.com show dreamlike, shining glass and steel skyscrapers. They were inspired by traditional African sculptures. Akon wants his high-tech city to be a port of call for Senegalese and other Africans facing racial injustice around the world. He said people are treated unfairly, "in ways that you can never imagine". He added: "If you're coming from...the diaspora and...you want to visit Africa, we want Senegal to be your first stop."

Sources: <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/rb-singer-akon-moves-ahead-with-6-billion-akon-city-in-senegal>
<https://face2faceafrica.com/article/akons-6-billion-futuristic-pan-african-city-in-senegal-to-begin-next-year>
<https://akoncity.com/about/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Akon will build a city from | a. start next year |
| 2. He has raised | b. 300,000 people |
| 3. a futuristic city of | c. for Senegalese people |
| 4. on Africa's west | d. money |
| 5. born in the USA | e. to finish |
| 6. the \$6 billion project will | f. to Senegalese parents |
| 7. take three years | g. scratch |
| 8. much-needed jobs | h. coast |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. shining glass and | a. your first stop |
| 2. inspired by traditional | b. injustice |
| 3. be a port | c. African sculptures |
| 4. Africans facing racial | d. the diaspora |
| 5. He said people are treated | e. of call |
| 6. in ways that you can | f. unfairly |
| 7. If you're coming from | g. never imagine |
| 8. we want Senegal to be | h. steel skyscrapers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The singer Akon will build a (1) _____. He has raised money (2) _____ city of 300,000 people on Africa's west coast. He will call it Akon City. He said (3) _____ "real-life Wakanda" - the city from the movie "Black Panther". Akon was born in the USA to Senegalese parents. He (4) _____ the \$6 billion project will start next year and take three (5) _____. He hopes it will (6) _____ jobs for Senegalese people.

Designs on akoncity.com (7) _____ glass and steel skyscrapers. They were (8) _____ African sculptures. Akon wants his high-tech city to be a (9) _____ for Senegalese and other Africans (10) _____ around the world. He said people are treated unfairly, "(11) _____ you can never imagine". He added: "If you're coming from...the diaspora and...you (12) _____ Africa, we want Senegal to be your first stop."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FUTURISTIC CITIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about futuristic cities 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) _____

