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2021 not as bad as 2020, says think tank

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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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A think tank suggested that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The non-profit body of experts specializing in foreign policy celebrated its centenary in 2021. However, there was still plenty of bad news. Perhaps the worst was the failure to address the climate change challenge. The UN declared "a code red for humanity". Other top stories included coronavirus, mass migration, the supply chain crisis, and the Taliban returning to power.

The think tank 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." Happier news included more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations being given. In addition, NASA successfully extracted a sample of Martian rock for the first time. In health news the WHO declared China free of malaria. In sustainability news, a passenger aircraft flew using 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 non-profit body of | a. challenge |
| 2. specializing in foreign | b. experts |
| 3. there was still plenty | c. power |
| 4. address the climate change | d. policy |
| 5. a code red for | e. crisis |
| 6. mass | f. humanity |
| 7. the supply chain | g. of bad news |
| 8. the Taliban returning to | h. migration |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. For a moment in early | a. time |
| 2. in the rearview | b. vaccinations |
| 3. more than 9 billion covid-19 | c. aircraft |
| 4. a sample of Martian | d. mirror |
| 5. for the first | e. fuel |
| 6. the WHO declared China free | f. rock |
| 7. a passenger | g. of malaria |
| 8. 100 per cent sustainable | h. summer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A think (1) _____ the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The non-profit (2) _____ specializing in foreign policy celebrated its centenary in 2021. However, there was (3) _____ bad news. Perhaps the worst was the failure to address the climate change challenge. The UN declared "a code (4) _____". Other top stories included coronavirus, mass migration, (5) _____ crisis, and the Taliban (6) _____.

The think tank said 2021 did bring (7) _____. It said: "For a moment (8) _____, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror." Happier (9) _____ than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations being given. In addition, NASA successfully extracted (10) _____ Martian rock for the first time. In health news the WHO declared China (11) _____. In sustainability news, a 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) _____

