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Level 1 – 18th January 2024

World will see first trillionaire in next 10 years

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-1.html>

A quiz show asked, "Who wants to be a millionaire?" A million dollars was the goal of the super-rich. Now, it is a billion dollars. The charity Oxfam said that in the next ten years, the world will have its first trillionaire. A trillion is a one, followed by 12 zeros. It is one million million. Oxfam said the wealth gap between the rich and poor is growing. It added that although there will be a trillionaire in a decade, fighting poverty will take 200 years.

Oxfam said the world's five richest people have doubled their wealth since 2020. It added: "On the other hand, almost five billion people have become poorer." Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the world's richest man. He is worth \$250 billion. The AP news agency said a trillionaire would "have the same value as oil-rich Saudi Arabia". Oxfam said the world will see a "decade of division". It wants public action to reduce the wealth gap.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a quiz | a. take 200 years |
| 2. A million dollars was | b. ten years |
| 3. the super- | c. the goal |
| 4. in the next | d. first trillionaire |
| 5. the world will have its | e. the rich and poor |
| 6. a one, | f. show |
| 7. the wealth gap between | g. followed by 12 zeros |
| 8. fighting poverty will | h. rich |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the world's five | a. action |
| 2. people have doubled | b. five billion people |
| 3. On the other | c. gap |
| 4. almost | d. their wealth |
| 5. have the same value as | e. of division |
| 6. the world will see a decade | f. richest people |
| 7. It wants public | g. oil-rich Saudi Arabia |
| 8. reduce the wealth | h. hand |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A ⁽¹⁾ _____, "Who wants to be a millionaire?" A million dollars was the goal of ⁽²⁾ _____. Now, it is a billion dollars. The charity Oxfam said that in the next ten years, the world will ⁽³⁾ _____ trillionaire. A trillion is a one, ⁽⁴⁾ _____ zeros. It is one million million. Oxfam said the wealth gap between the rich and ⁽⁵⁾ _____. It added that although there will be a trillionaire in a decade, fighting ⁽⁶⁾ _____ 200 years.

Oxfam said the world's five richest ⁽⁷⁾ _____ their wealth since 2020. It added: "On ⁽⁸⁾ _____, almost five billion people have become poorer." Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the ⁽⁹⁾ _____. He is worth \$250 billion. The AP news agency said a trillionaire would "have ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ as oil-rich Saudi Arabia". Oxfam said the world will ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ of division". It wants public action to reduce ⁽¹²⁾ _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRILLIONAIRES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trillionaires 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-1.html>

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