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Wikipedia may become million-page book

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. WIKIPEDIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Wikipedia. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

publishing / articles / Wikipedia / volunteers / print / project / donate money / books / questioning / website / out of date / experience / record-breaking / world tour / library

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

3. BOOKS: How important are these books for you? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	How important?	Why?	How useful?	Why?
Encyclopedia				
Travel guide				
Biography				
Computer manual				
Investment guide				
Religious book				

4. PRINTED: Students A **strongly** believe printed books are better than books on websites; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ENCYCLOPEDIA: Rank these encyclopedia sections with your partner. Put the most interesting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- countries
- flowers
- architecture
- inventions
- wars
- fish
- diseases
- languages

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Wikipedia end its website and become a book instead. | T / F |
| b. There are around 2.6 billion words on the Wikipedia website. | T / F |
| c. The last page number in the books will be 1,000,000. | T / F |
| d. A publishing company has already printed book number one. | T / F |
| e. Many people think the book is a great idea. | T / F |
| f. The book will be out of date once printing begins. | T / F |
| g. The book will break many publishing records. | T / F |
| h. The publisher will sell the book to whoever pays the most money. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. publishing | a. actually |
| 2. entire | b. edition |
| 3. containing | c. changing |
| 4. version | d. printing |
| 5. donate | e. querying |
| 6. questioning | f. whole |
| 7. huge | g. sizes |
| 8. really | h. including |
| 9. transforming | i. give |
| 10. dimensions | j. enormous |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. A publishing company plans to print | a. big Wikipedia really is |
| 2. the entire | b. money |
| 3. the physical | c. contents |
| 4. donate | d. questioning why |
| 5. It includes the articles from | e. all of the articles |
| 6. Many people are | f. of date |
| 7. it will be out | g. library |
| 8. show the world just how | h. "A" to "A76 motorway" |
| 9. record- | i. version |
| 10. public | j. breaking |

GAP FILL

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A publishing company plans to print all of the (1) _____ from the Wikipedia website. PediaPress hopes to print the (2) _____ contents of Wikipedia in 1,000 books, each containing 1,200 pages. Wikipedia has over 4.3 million articles and 2.6 (3) _____ words. Over 20 million (4) _____ have helped to write it. The project will see the physical version of Wikipedia on nearly 1.2 million pages of print. The page numbers will continue from book to book and the (5) _____ page will be number 1,193,014. PediaPress needs \$50,000 to start the project. It wants people to (6) _____ money so it can go ahead with the first (7) _____. The company has already printed number one of the thousand books. It (8) _____ the articles from "A" to "A76 motorway".

volunteers
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billion
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Many people are (9) _____ why PediaPress wants to print out such a huge website. They say it will be out of (10) _____ as soon as it starts printing. A spokesperson from PediaPress said the company wants to show the world just how big Wikipedia (11) _____ is. He said: "We think that the best way to experience the size of Wikipedia is by (12) _____ it into the physical medium of books." He added: "Containing the most volumes and (13) _____ by the largest number of (14) _____, the printed edition will be a work of record-(15) _____ dimensions." The company may take the books on a world tour. After that, it will donate them to a big (16) _____ library.

transforming
contributors
really
public
questioning
edited
date
breaking

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A publishing company plans to print _____
 - a. all of the article
 - b. all of the particles
 - c. all of the articles
 - d. all of the art it calls
- 2) PediaPress hopes to print the entire _____
 - a. contents of Wikipedia
 - b. contains of Wikipedia
 - c. containers of Wikipedia
 - d. content of Wikipedia
- 3) Over 20 million volunteers have helped _____
 - a. to write it
 - b. to write this
 - c. to write for it
 - d. to write on it
- 4) PediaPress needs \$50,000 to _____
 - a. start the projector
 - b. start the projection
 - c. start the project
 - d. start the projects
- 5) It wants people to donate money so it can go ahead with _____
 - a. the fast copy
 - b. the fist copy
 - c. the frost copy
 - d. the first copy
- 6) They say it will be _____
 - a. out of dates
 - b. out of dating
 - c. out of date
 - d. out of dated
- 7) the company wants to show the world just how big _____
 - a. Wikipedia really this
 - b. Wikipedia really is
 - c. Wikipedia really has
 - d. Wikipedia real it is
- 8) transforming it into the physical _____
 - a. media of books
 - b. mediums of books
 - c. medium of books
 - d. median of books
- 9) the printed edition will be a work of record- _____
 - a. breaking dimensions
 - b. broken dimensions
 - c. break in dimensions
 - d. breaking in dimensions
- 10) After that, it will donate them to a big _____
 - a. publicly library
 - b. public library
 - c. publics library
 - d. publicity library

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What kind of company is PediaPress?

2. How many pages will each book have?

3. How many volunteers have helped write Wikipedia?

4. What does PediaPress need to start printing the book?

5. What is the name of the first article in book one?

6. What will happen to the book once it starts printing?

7. What does PediaPress want to show the world?

8. What will the Wikipedia book break?

9. Where might PediaPress take the books?

10. Who will PediaPress eventually give the books to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What kind of company is PediaPress?
 - a) a publishing company
 - b) an Internet site
 - c) a public relations company
 - d) a retail store
2. How many pages will each book have?
 - a) 2.6 billion
 - b) 1,000
 - c) 1,200
 - d) 4.3 million
3. How many volunteers have helped write Wikipedia?
 - a) over 200,000,000
 - b) over 2,000,000
 - c) over 22,000,000
 - d) over 20,000,000
4. What does PediaPress need to start printing the book?
 - a) permission from Wikipedia
 - b) \$50,000
 - c) customers
 - d) a lot of ink
5. What is the name of the first article in book one?
 - a) "A"
 - b) "Aardvark"
 - c) "AAA"
 - d) "An"
6. What will happen to the book once it starts printing?
 - a) the ink will run out
 - b) it'll become a bestseller
 - c) other companies will print websites
 - d) it'll be out of date
7. What does PediaPress want to show the world?
 - a) its new printing methods
 - b) its new factory
 - c) how big Wikipedia is
 - d) its logo
8. What will the Wikipedia book break?
 - a) people's backs
 - b) records
 - c) bookshelves
 - d) time
9. Where might PediaPress take the books?
 - a) the White House
 - b) Wikipedia's headquarters
 - c) around the world
 - d) local schools
10. Who will PediaPress eventually give the books to?
 - a) a student
 - b) a library
 - c) Wikipedia
 - d) the headquarters of the Internet

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Encyclopedia

You think an encyclopedia is the most important book. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): an English grammar book, a religious book or a world atlas.

Role B – English grammar book

You think an English grammar book is the most important book. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): an encyclopedia, a religious book or a world atlas.

Role C – Religious book

You think a religious book is the most important book. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): an English grammar book, an encyclopedia or a world atlas.

Role D – World atlas

You think a world atlas is the most important book. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): an English grammar book, a religious book or an encyclopedia.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

million	book
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- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plans• 1,200• words• continue• start• A76	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• questioning• date• big• size• record• world
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WIKIPEDIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Wikipedia 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.

WIKIPEDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What do you imagine when you hear the word 'book'?
- c) What do you think of this project?
- d) What do you think of Wikipedia?
- e) What is the best website to find out information (and why)?
- f) Is printing the Wikipedia website a waste of paper?
- g) Do you think anyone will ever read all of the books?
- h) Would you donate money to this project? Why/Why not?
- i) Do you prefer to find out things from books or websites?
- j) Should the company also print the million pages in different languages?

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WIKIPEDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why do you think PediaPress wants to make a million-page book?
- c) Does the world need to see how big Wikipedia is?
- d) Is Wikipedia better than other encyclopedias?
- e) Is it important that the books will be "record-breaking"?
- f) If you helped write a Wikipedia article, what would you write about?
- g) Would you go to see the books when they go on tour?
- h) If the books will be out of date, will they have any use?
- i) Do you think anyone would use the books in a library?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the PediaPress boss?

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) entire | (b) every | (c) whole | (d) all |
| 2. | (a) contains | (b) contents | (c) contexts | (d) compacts |
| 3. | (a) helps | (b) helped | (c) helping | (d) help |
| 4. | (a) finally | (b) finale | (c) final | (d) finalised |
| 5. | (a) print | (b) steam | (c) go | (d) pull |
| 6. | (a) includes | (b) puts | (c) reads | (d) writes |
| 7. | (a) questioners | (b) questioning | (c) questions | (d) questioned |
| 8. | (a) date | (b) year | (c) time | (d) space |
| 9. | (a) has | (b) is | (c) be | (d) does |
| 10. | (a) large | (b) small | (c) medium | (d) fit |
| 11. | (a) editors | (b) edition | (c) edited | (d) edit |
| 12. | (a) tourist | (b) tourism | (c) tours | (d) tour |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A nliushpibg company
2. print all of the irletacs from the Wikipedia website.
3. print the tineer contents
4. 20 million eolnuesrvt have helped to write it
5. the physical eovirns of Wikipedia
6. It wants people to adneto money

Paragraph 2

7. people are niigoetsqun why
8. A pesnkoosrspe from PediaPress
9. the best way to cenxepeeir the size
10. Containing the most omvusel
11. the printed oitedni
12. it will detnoa them to a big public library

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () version of Wikipedia on nearly 1.2 million pages of print. The page numbers will continue from book
- () on a world tour. After that, it will donate them to a big public library.
- () of date as soon as it starts printing. A spokesperson from PediaPress said the company wants to show
- () to book and the final page will be number 1,193,014. PediaPress needs \$50,000 to
- (**1**) A publishing company plans to print all of the articles from the Wikipedia website. PediaPress hopes to print the entire
- () "Containing the most volumes and edited by the largest number of contributors, the printed
- () Many people are questioning why PediaPress wants to print out such a huge website. They say it will be out
- () articles and 2.6 billion words. Over 20 million volunteers have helped to write it. The project will see the physical
- () start the project. It wants people to donate money so it can go ahead with the first copy. The company has already
- () the world just how big Wikipedia really is. He said: "We think that the best
- () printed number one of the thousand books. It includes the articles from "A" to "A76 motorway".
- () way to experience the size of Wikipedia is by transforming it into the physical medium of books." He added:
- () edition will be a work of record-breaking dimensions." The company may take the books
- () contents of Wikipedia in 1,000 books, each containing 1,200 pages. Wikipedia has over 4.3 million

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. all of the articles A publishing company plans to print.

2. books 1,000 pages 1,200 , each In containing.

3. to million helped it 20 have write Over volunteers.

4. continue to The will book numbers from book page.

5. go can it so money Donate copy first the with ahead.

6. printing as date be it as out It starts soon of will.

7. is the how really Show just Wikipedia world big.

8. Wikipedia best experience of The to size way the.

9. number largest the by Edited contributors of.

10. will to public It them big donate a library.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A publishing company plans to print *all* / *every* of the articles from the Wikipedia website. PediaPress hopes to print the *entry* / *entire* contents of Wikipedia in 1,000 books, each *containing* / *contains* 1,200 pages. Wikipedia has over 4.3 million *prepositions* / *articles* and 2.6 billion words. Over 20 million *volunteers* / *voluntary* have helped to write it. The project will see the *physical* / *physically* version of Wikipedia on nearly 1.2 million pages of *print* / *printed*. The page numbers will continue from book *to* / *and* book and the final *page* / *book* will be number 1,193,014. PediaPress needs \$50,000 to start the project. It wants people to donate money so it can go ahead with the first copy. The company has *already* / *still* printed number one of the thousand books. It includes the articles from "A" to "A76 motorway".

Many people are *questioning* / *questioned* why PediaPress wants to print *in* / *out* such a huge website. They say it will be out *from* / *of* date as soon as it starts printing. A spokesperson from PediaPress said the company wants to *show* / *showing* the world just how big Wikipedia *real* / *really* is. He said: "We think that *a* / *the* best way to experience the size of Wikipedia is by *transforming* / *transform* it into the physical medium of books." He added: "Containing the *mist* / *most* volumes and edited by the largest number of contributors, the printed edition will be a *worked* / *work* of record-breaking dimensions." The company may take the books on a world tour. After that, it will donate them to a big *publicly* / *public* library.

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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_ p _ b _ l _ s _ h _ n _ g _ c _ m _ p _ n _ y _ p _ l _ n _ s _ t _ p _ r _ n _ t _ _ l _ l _ f _ t _ h _ _ r _ t _ c _ l _ s _
f _ r _ m _ t _ h _ W _ k _ p _ d _ _ w _ b _ s _ t _ . P _ d _ _ P _ r _ s _ s _ h _ p _ s _ t _
p _ r _ n _ t _ t _ h _ _ n _ t _ r _ c _ n _ t _ n _ t _ s _ _ f _ W _ k _ p _ d _ _ _ n _ 1,000
b _ _ k _ s , _ _ c _ h _ c _ n _ t _ _ n _ n _ g _ 1,200 _ p _ g _ s . W _ k _ p _ d _ _ h _ s _
_ v _ r _ 4.3 _ m _ l _ l _ _ n _ r _ t _ c _ l _ s _ _ n _ d _ 2.6 _ b _ l _ l _ _ n _ w _ r _ d _ s . _ v _ r _
20 _ m _ l _ l _ _ n _ v _ l _ n _ t _ _ r _ s _ h _ v _ _ h _ l _ p _ d _ t _ w _ r _ t _ _ t . T _ h _
p _ r _ j _ c _ t _ w _ l _ l _ s _ _ t _ h _ p _ h _ y _ s _ c _ l _ v _ r _ s _ _ n _ f _ W _ k _ p _ d _ _ _ n _
n _ _ r _ l _ y _ 1.2 _ m _ l _ l _ _ n _ p _ g _ s _ _ f _ p _ r _ n _ t . T _ h _ p _ g _ _ n _ m _ b _ r _ s _
w _ l _ l _ c _ n _ t _ n _ _ f _ r _ m _ b _ _ k _ t _ b _ _ k _ _ n _ d _ t _ h _ f _ n _ l _ p _ g _
w _ l _ l _ b _ _ n _ m _ b _ r _ 1,193,014 . P _ d _ _ P _ r _ s _ s _ n _ _ d _ s _ \$50,000
t _ s _ t _ r _ t _ t _ h _ p _ r _ j _ c _ t . _ t _ w _ n _ t _ s _ p _ _ p _ l _ t _ d _ n _ t _ m _ n _ y
s _ _ t _ c _ n _ g _ _ h _ _ d _ w _ t _ h _ t _ h _ f _ r _ s _ t _ c _ p _ y . T _ h _ c _ m _ p _ n _ y
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b _ _ k _ s . _ t _ _ n _ c _ l _ d _ s _ t _ h _ _ r _ t _ c _ l _ s _ f _ r _ m _ " _ " _ t _ " _ 76
m _ t _ r _ w _ y " .

M _ n _ y _ p _ _ p _ l _ _ r _ q _ _ s _ t _ _ n _ n _ g _ w _ h _ y _ P _ d _ _ P _ r _ s _ s _ w _ n _ t _ s _ t _
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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 the Wikipedia book. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WIKIPEDIA: Make a poster about Wikipedia. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ENCYCLOPEDIA: Write a magazine article about which is better – a book version of an encyclopedia or an online version. Include imaginary interviews with an encyclopedia publisher and an online encyclopedia boss.

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 the boss of Wikipedia. Ask him/her three questions about Wikipedia. Give him/her three of your ideas on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. publishing | a. printing |
| 2. entire | b. whole |
| 3. containing | c. including |
| 4. version | d. edition |
| 5. donate | e. give |
| 6. questioning | f. querying |
| 7. huge | g. enormous |
| 8. really | h. actually |
| 9. transforming | i. changing |
| 10. dimensions | j. sizes |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A publishing company
2. 1,200
3. About 20 million
4. \$50,000
5. "A"
6. It will be out of date
7. How big Wikipedia is
8. Records
9. On a world tour
10. A big public library

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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