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Level 5 – 4th September, 2019

R&B singer Akon to build futuristic city

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Designs on akoncity.com show a cityscape of dreamlike, shining glass and steel buildings. The towering skyscrapers were inspired by traditional sculptures made in African villages. The city will be high-tech and have high-speed Internet. Akon wants the city to be a port of call for Senegalese and other Africans facing racial injustice in the USA or Europe. He said: "The system back home treats people unfairly, in...ways that you can never imagine....So if you're coming from...the diaspora and you feel that 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. his plans to | a. scratch |
| 2. from | b. three years to finish |
| 3. He has raised | c. build a city |
| 4. a futuristic metropolis | d. employment |
| 5. He spent much of his | e. funds |
| 6. the \$6 billion project | f. childhood in Senegal |
| 7. It is expected to take | g. of 300,000 people |
| 8. provide much-needed | h. will start next year |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. towering | a. unfairly |
| 2. be a port | b. your first stop |
| 3. Africans facing racial | c. of call |
| 4. treats people | d. injustice |
| 5. in ways that you can | e. want to visit Africa |
| 6. if you're coming from | f. skyscrapers |
| 7. you feel that you | g. the diaspora |
| 8. we want Senegal to be | h. never imagine |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FUTURISTIC CITIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200904-akon-city-4.html>

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) _____

