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Unseen video of 'Thunderbirds' TV show found

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

There is good news for fans of the 1960s TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film of the classic show have been found at a house in a town near London, England. The house was owned by a former editor of Thunderbirds who passed away recently. The old video footage was given to the television production company Century 21 Films. This company created special 50th anniversary Thunderbirds shows in 2015. Century 21 spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the newly found film contains unseen material from the 1960s. Mr Riviere said his company would restore the old films using digital technology. He hopes people can see the new footage in time for the 60th anniversary next year.

Thunderbirds was an instant hit in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming technique called Supermarionation to make the TV shows. This used puppets to create lifelike situations. The Andersons also used special effects and models of futuristic buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two series, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the adventures of a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its iconic music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1e848ewnln0>
<https://www.radiotimes.com/tv/sci-fi/thunderbirds-unseen-episode-discovered-newsupdate/>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderbirds_\(TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderbirds_(TV_series))

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

good news / fan / the 1960s / film / TV company / digital technology / anniversary / Thunderbirds / cult / classic / husband and wife / technique / special effects / music

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

3. OLD SHOWS: Students A **strongly** believe old TV shows are better than new TV shows; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TV SHOWS: What are the best TV shows in the categories below? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Best?	Why?
Comedy		
Action		
Cartoon		
Drama		
Science Fiction		
Knowledge		

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

6. TV SHOW GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Cooking
- Comedy
- Fantasy
- Science fiction
- Music
- News
- Sport
- Documentary

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. fan (noun) | a. Something that is very good and old, or loved for a long time. |
| 2. classic | b. A gentle way to say someone has died. |
| 3. former | c. A person who really likes something, like a TV show, movie, or music. |
| 4. passed away | d. To make something look or work like it did before. |
| 5. anniversary | e. A special day every year to remember something important. |
| 6. restore | f. A video or part of a movie showing something. |
| 7. footage | g. Something that was before, or from the past. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. hit (noun) | h. Something or someone very famous and easy to recognize. |
| 9. cult | i. Things in movies or TV that make things look real, like explosions or magic. |
| 10. puppet | j. A group of TV shows or stories that are connected and continue over time. |
| 11. special effects | k. Something that is very popular and liked by many people. |
| 12. series | l. Something that a small group of people really like, even if it's not very popular. |
| 13. episode | m. One part of a series or TV show. |
| 14. iconic | n. A small figure made of cloth or wood that someone controls to make it move. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

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

1. Two cans of film were discovered with new episodes of 'Thunderbirds'. **T / F**
2. Cans of film for the 'Thunderbirds' TV show were found in a film studio. **T / F**
3. The 50th anniversary of 'Thunderbirds' was in 2015. **T / F**
4. People might be able to see new material of 'Thunderbirds' next year. **T / F**
5. 'Thunderbirds' was created by a married couple. **T / F**
6. There were no actors in the TV show 'Thunderbirds'. **T / F**
7. There are fifty 32-minute episodes of 'Thunderbirds'. **T / F**
8. 'Thunderbirds' is famous for its calming music. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. fans | a. realistic |
| 2. former | b. repair |
| 3. passed away | c. commemoration |
| 4. restore | d. exploits |
| 5. anniversary | e. shows |
| 6. hit | f. previous |
| 7. lifelike | g. well known |
| 8. episodes | h. enthusiasts |
| 9. adventures | i. success |
| 10. famous | j. died |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There is good news for fans | a. unseen material |
| 2. a former editor | b. classic |
| 3. the newly found film contains | c. anniversary next year |
| 4. restore the old films using | d. lifelike situations |
| 5. in time for the 60th | e. of Thunderbirds |
| 6. Thunderbirds was an instant hit | f. for its iconic music |
| 7. It is now a cult | g. of the 1960s TV show |
| 8. This used puppets to create | h. in the 2060s |
| 9. The show was set | i. digital technology |
| 10. The show is famous | j. in the 1960s |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

There is good news for (1) _____ of the 1960s TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film of the (2) _____ show have been found at a house in a town near London, England. The house was owned by a former editor of Thunderbirds who (3) _____ away recently. The old video footage was given to the television production company Century 21 Films. This company created (4) _____ 50th anniversary Thunderbirds shows in 2015. Century 21 spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the (5) _____ found film contains unseen material from the 1960s. Mr Riviere said his company would (6) _____ the old films using digital technology. He (7) _____ people can see the new (8) _____ in time for the 60th anniversary next year.

passed
restore
fans
hopes
classic
newly
footage
special

Thunderbirds was an instant (9) _____ in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming (10) _____ called Supermarionation to make the TV shows. This used puppets to create (11) _____ situations. The Andersons also used special effects and models of (12) _____ buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two (13) _____, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was (14) _____ in the 2060s. It was about the adventures of a life- (15) _____ organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its (16) _____ music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

lifelike
set
iconic
futuristic
saving
hit
technique
series

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

- 1) There is good news for fans of the _____
 - a. 1960s TV shown
 - b. 1960s TV showing
 - c. 1960s TV show
 - d. 1960s TV shower
- 2) The house was owned by a former editor of Thunderbirds who _____
 - a. passed away recent
 - b. passed away resent
 - c. passed away resending
 - d. passed away recently
- 3) spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the newly found film _____
 - a. contains unseeing material
 - b. contains non-seen material
 - c. contains unseen material
 - d. contains un-scene material
- 4) Mr Riviere said his company would restore the old films _____
 - a. using digitally technology
 - b. using digital technology
 - c. using digital technological
 - d. using digit all technology
- 5) He hopes people can see the new footage in time for _____
 - a. then 60 anniversary
 - b. the 60th anniversary
 - c. them 60th anniversary
 - d. the 60 anniversary
- 6) This used puppets to _____
 - a. create lifelike situations
 - b. create lifelike situation
 - c. create life liked situations
 - d. create live like situations
- 7) The Andersons also used special effects and models _____
 - a. off futuristic buildings
 - b. of futuristic buildings
 - c. if futuristic buildings
 - d. oft futuristic buildings
- 8) There were two series, which had 32 _____
 - a. fifty-minute episode
 - b. fifty-minute episodic
 - c. fifty-minute epic sodas
 - d. fifty-minute episodes
- 9) The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the adventures of a _____
 - a. life-save in organization
 - b. rife-saving organization
 - c. lite-saving organization
 - d. life-saving organization
- 10) The show is famous for _____
 - a. its ironic music
 - b. its laconic music
 - c. its iconic music
 - d. its eye comic music

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Thunderbirds was an (7) _____ the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used (8) _____ called Supermarionation to make the TV shows. This used puppets to create lifelike situations. The Andersons also (9) _____ and models of futuristic buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There (10) _____, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the (11) _____ life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its (12) _____ its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

1. Who is there good news for?
2. How many cans of Thunderbirds film were found?
3. Who died recently?
4. What will Century 21 Films use to restore the old films?
5. When is the 60th anniversary of Thunderbirds?
6. What was the relationship of the two creators of Thunderbirds?
7. What is the name of the technique used to make Thunderbirds?
8. When was Thunderbirds filmed?
9. In what decade was Thunderbirds set?
10. What was the music of Thunderbirds like?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

- 1) Who is there good news for?
 - a) TV companies
 - b) film companies
 - c) fans of 1970s TV
 - d) Thunderbirds fans
- 2) How many cans of Thunderbirds film were found?
 - a) 21
 - b) 22
 - c) 23
 - d) 24
- 3) Who died recently?
 - a) Parker
 - b) a Thunderbirds producer
 - c) a Thunderbirds voice actor
 - d) the former Thunderbirds editor
- 4) What will Century 21 Films use to restore the old films?
 - a) 1960s technology
 - b) a technology company
 - c) digital technology
 - d) Supermarionation
- 5) When is the 60th anniversary of Thunderbirds?
 - a) 2028
 - b) 2027
 - c) 2026
 - d) 2025
- 6) What was the relationship of the two creators of Thunderbirds?
 - a) father and daughter
 - b) siblings
 - c) husband and wife
 - d) mother and son
- 7) What is the name of the technique used to make Thunderbirds?
 - a) Supermarionation
 - b) Claymation
 - c) Puppetronics
 - d) digital imaging
- 8) When was Thunderbirds filmed?
 - a) between 1963-1965
 - b) between 1966-1968
 - c) between 1964-1966
 - d) between 1960-1966
- 9) In what decade was Thunderbirds set?
 - a) the 2050s
 - b) the 2060s
 - c) the 2070s
 - d) the 2080s
- 10) What was the music of Thunderbirds like?
 - a) iconic
 - b) like hip-hop
 - c) calming
 - d) classical

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

Role A – Cooking

You think cooking shows are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these shows (and why): comedy, music or sports.

Role B – Comedy

You think comedy shows are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these shows (and why): cooking, music or sports.

Role C – Music

You think music shows are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these shows (and why): comedy, cooking or sports.

Role D – Sports

You think sports shows are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these shows (and why): comedy, music or cooking.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'television' and 'video'.

television	video
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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">• fans• near• passed• 50• 2015• 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cult• team• create• towns• 32• famous
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TV SHOWS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

Write five GOOD questions about TV shows 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.

TV SHOWS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'TV'?
3. What do you know about the 1960s?
4. What do you know about the TV show 'Thunderbirds'?
5. What are your favourite TV shows?
6. What TV shows did you like when you were a child?
7. What do you think of old TV shows?
8. What old TV shows would you like to see again?
9. Are TV shows or movies best?
10. Are old TV shows better than new ones?

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TV SHOWS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'video'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What classic shows do you know of?
15. What do you think of TV shows that use puppets?
16. How much do you like science fiction?
17. What will TV shows be like in the future?
18. What will life be like in the 1960s?
19. What shows have the best music?
20. What questions would you like to ask the TV company?

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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Thunderbirds was an instant (7) _____ in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming technique called Supermarionation (8) _____ make the TV shows. This used puppets to create lifelike situations. The Andersons also used special effects and models (9) _____ futuristic buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two series, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was (10) _____ in the 2060s. It was about the adventures (11) _____ a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its (12) _____ music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) fines | (b) fens | (c) fins | (d) fans |
| 2. | (a) neared | (b) nears | (c) nearly | (d) near |
| 3. | (a) feet | (b) footage | (c) footing | (d) footfall |
| 4. | (a) find | (b) finds | (c) found | (d) fund |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) from | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) time | (b) tome | (c) tame | (d) temp |
| 7. | (a) whack | (b) hit | (c) punch | (d) slap |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) by | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) on | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) let | (b) met | (c) set | (d) get |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) together | (c) of | (d) but |
| 12. | (a) laconic | (b) ironic | (c) ionic | (d) iconic |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. film of the scalcis show
2. owned by a former oietdr
3. passed away rtcneeyl
4. unseen mlaraiet from the 1960s
5. people can see the new ooefatg
6. in time for the 60th rnarvyesina

Paragraph 2

7. Thunderbirds was an istnnta hit in the 1960s
8. It is now a cult ilasccs
9. They used a filming eechitqun
10. This used puppets to create ifiklee situations
11. models of trsuicufit buildings
12. famous for its cciion music

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous
- () editor of Thunderbirds who passed away recently. The old video footage was given to the television production
- () by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming technique called Supermarionation to
- () Thunderbirds was an instant hit in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created
- () spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the newly found film contains unseen material from the
- () make the TV shows. This used puppets to create lifelike situations. The Andersons also used special
- () show have been found at a house in a town near London, England. The house was owned by a former
- () for its iconic music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.
- () 1960s. Mr Riviere said his company would restore the old films using digital
- () effects and models of futuristic buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two
- () technology. He hopes people can see the new footage in time for the 60th anniversary next year.
- (1) There is good news for fans of the 1960s TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film of the classic
- () series, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the adventures
- () company Century 21 Films. This company created special 50th anniversary Thunderbirds shows in 2015. Century 21

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

1. fans There's the for 1960s . of good news
2. a The owned house by former was editor .
3. contains newly The unseen found film material .
4. technology . restore old digital It'll the using films
5. the He can footage . see hopes new people
6. an was in instant hit Thunderbirds 1960s . the
7. They called a technique filming used Supermarionation .
8. situations . lifelike create to used This puppets
9. It's a organization . of life-saving adventures about the
10. is The show iconic music . famous for its

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

There is good news for *fan / fans* of the 1960s TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film *of / at* the classic show have been found at a house in a town *nearly / near* London, England. The house was owned by a *firmer / former* editor of Thunderbirds who passed away *recently / recent*. The old video footage was given to the television production *company / companion* Century 21 Films. This company created *specially / special* 50th anniversary Thunderbirds shows in 2015. Century 21 spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the *newly / newsy* found film contains unseen material from the 1960s. Mr Riviere said his company would *restore / storage* the old films using digital technology. He hopes people can see the new footage in *time / times* for the 60th anniversary next year.

Thunderbirds was an *instantly / instant* hit in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The *show / shown* was created by husband and wife *teams / team* Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming technique called Supermarionation to *make / fake* the TV shows. This used puppets to create *lifetime / lifelike* situations. The Andersons also used special *effects / affects* and models of futuristic buildings and *towns / town*. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two *serious / series*, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the adventures *to / of* a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its *ironic / iconic* music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

Th_r_ _s g__d n_ws f_r f_ns _f th_ 1960s TV sh_w
'Th_nd_rb_rds'. Tw_nty-tw_ c_ns _f f_lm _f th_ cl_ss_c
sh_w h_v_ b__n f__nd _t _ h__s_ _n _ t_wn n__r
L_nd_n, _ngl_nd. Th_ h__s_ w_s _wn_d by _ f_rm_r
_d_t_r _f Th_nd_rb_rds wh_ p_ss_d _w_y r_c_ntly. Th_
_ld v_d__ f__t_g_ w_s g_v_n t_ th_ t_l_v_s__n
pr_d_ct__n c_mp_ny C_nt_ry 21 F_lms. Th_s c_mp_ny
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r_st_r_ th_ _ld f_lms _s_ng d_g_t_l t_chn_l_gy. H_
h_p_s p__pl_ c_n s__ th_ n_w f__t_g_ _n t_m_ f_r
th_ 60th _nn_v_rs_ry n_xt y__r.

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n_w _ c_lt cl_ss_c. Th_ sh_w w_s cr__t_d by h_sb_nd
_nd w_f_ t__m G_rry _nd Sylv__ _nd_rs_n. Th_y _s_d
_ f_lm_ng t_chn_q__ c_ll_d S_p_rm_r__n_t__n t_ m_k_
th_ TV sh_ws. Th_s _s_d p_pp_ts t_ cr__t_ l_f_l_k_
s_t__t__ns. Th_ _nd_rs_ns _ls_ _s_d sp_c__l _ff_cts
_nd m_d_ls _f f_t_r_st_c b__ld_ngs _nd t_wns.
Th_nd_rb_rds w_s f_lm_d b_tw__n 1964 _nd 1966.
Th_r_ w_r_ tw_ s_r__s, wh_ch h_d 32 f_fty-m_n_t_
_p_s_d_s. Th_ sh_w w_s s_t _n th_ 2060s. _t w_s
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m_ch_n_s.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

there is good news for fans of the 1960s tv show thunderbirds twentytwo cans of film of the classic show have been found at a house in a town near london england the house was owned by a former editor of thunderbirds who passed away recently the old video footage was given to the television production company century 21 films this company created special 50th anniversary thunderbirds shows in 2015 century 21 spokesperson stephen la riviere said the newly found film contains unseen material from the 1960s mr riviere said his company would restore the old films using digital technology he hopes people can see the new footage in time for the 60th anniversary next year

thunderbirds was an instant hit in the 1960s it is now a cult classic the show was created by husband and wife team gerry and sylvia anderson they used a filming technique called supermarionation to make the tv shows this used puppets to create lifelike situations the andersons also used special effects and models of futuristic buildings and towns thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966 there were two series which had 32 fiftyminute episodes the show was set in the 2060s it was about the adventures of a lifesaving organization called international rescue the show is famous for its iconic music and its thunderbirds spacecraft and machines

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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There is good news for fans of the 1960s TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film of the classic show have been found at a house in a town near London, England. The house was owned by a former editor of Thunderbirds who passed away recently. The old video footage was given to the television production company Century 21 Films. This company created special 50th anniversary Thunderbirds shows in 2015. Century 21 spokesperson Stephen La Riviere said the newly found film contains unseen material from the 1960s. Mr Riviere said his company would restore the old films using digital technology. He hopes people can see the new footage in time for the 60th anniversary next year. Thunderbirds was an instant hit in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by husband and wife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a filming technique called Supermarionation to make the TV shows. This used puppets to create lifelike situations. The Andersons also used special effects and models of futuristic buildings and towns. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two series, which had 32 fifty-minute episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about the adventures of a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its iconic music and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241010-thunderbirds.html>

Old TV shows are better than new TV shows. Discuss.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SCIENCE FICTION: Write a magazine article about science fiction always becoming science fact. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with this.

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 an expert on TV shows. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on the best shows. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. f	3. j	4. b	5. c
6. i	7. a	8. e	9. d	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Thunderbirds fans
- Twenty-two
- The former Thunderbirds editor
- Digital technology
- Next year
- Husband and wife
- Supermarionation
- Between 1964-1966
- The 2060s
- Iconic

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

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- The house was owned by a former editor.
- The newly found film contains unseen material.
- It'll restore the old films using digital technology.
- He hopes people can see the new footage.
- Thunderbirds was an instant hit in the 1960s.
- They used a filming technique called Supermarionation.
- This used puppets to create lifelike situations.
- It's about the adventures of a life-saving organization.
- The show is famous for its iconic music.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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