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Wikipedia may become million-page book

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THE READING

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A publisher wants to print all 4.3 million of the articles from Wikipedia.com. There will be 1,000 books, each with 1,200 pages. Over 20 million volunteers wrote Wikipedia's 2.6 billion words. The publisher says the 1.2 million pages will start from number one and end at number 1,193,014. It needs \$50,000 and wants people to donate money so it can print the first copy. It already printed book number one - the articles from "A" to "A76 motorway".

People are asking why anyone wants a book of Wikipedia. It will be out of date when it starts printing. The company wants to show just how big Wikipedia is. It said the best way to experience this is by making physical books. The project will break records. It will have the most volumes, written by the largest number of contributors. The publisher may take the books on a world tour. After that, it will give them to a big public library.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. print all 4.3 million | a. volunteers |
| 2. There will be 1,000 books, | b. book number one |
| 3. Over 20 million | c. from number one |
| 4. the 1.2 million pages will start | d. of the articles |
| 5. end at | e. to "A76 motorway" |
| 6. donate | f. each with 1,200 pages |
| 7. It already printed | g. number 1,193,014 |
| 8. the articles from "A" | h. money |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People are | a. experience this |
| 2. It will be out | b. library |
| 3. show just how | c. of contributors |
| 4. the best way to | d. of date |
| 5. The project will break | e. a world tour |
| 6. the largest number | f. asking why |
| 7. take the books on | g. big Wikipedia is |
| 8. public | h. records |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A publisher (1) _____ 4.3 million of the articles from Wikipedia.com. There will be 1,000 books, each with 1,200 pages. Over (2) _____ wrote Wikipedia's 2.6 billion words. The publisher says the 1.2 million pages will start from number (3) _____ number 1,193,014. It needs \$50,000 and wants people (4) _____ it can (5) _____. It already printed book number one - the articles from (6) _____.

People (7) _____ anyone wants a book of Wikipedia. It will (8) _____ when it starts printing. The company wants to show just how big Wikipedia is. It said the best (9) _____ is by making physical books. The project (10) _____. It will have the most volumes, (11) _____ number of contributors. The publisher may take the books on a world tour. After that, it will give them (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Wikipedia** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
