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Level 0 – 10th October 2024

Unseen video of 'Thunderbirds' TV show found

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is new material of the TV show 'Thunderbirds'. New film has been found. It has not been seen since the 1960s. The TV company Century 21 Films will use digital technology to restore the film. The company hopes people can see the new material next year. It is the show's 60th anniversary in 2025.

Thunderbirds was a hit in the 1960s. There were 32 fifty-minute shows. It is now a cult classic. It is about a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show's creators used puppets, special effects and models. The show is famous for its dramatic music, amazing spacecraft, and rescue machines.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1e848ewnln0>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There is new material | a. see the new material |
| 2. New film has | b. anniversary |
| 3. It has not been seen since | c. been found |
| 4. digital | d. film |
| 5. restore the | e. year |
| 6. The company hopes people can | f. of the TV show |
| 7. next | g. technology |
| 8. It is the show's 60th | h. the 1960s |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Thunderbirds was a hit | a. for its dramatic music |
| 2. There were 32 | b. classic |
| 3. It is now a cult | c. effects |
| 4. a life-saving | d. fifty-minute shows |
| 5. The show's creators used | e. machines |
| 6. special | f. puppets |
| 7. The show is famous | g. in the 1960s |
| 8. rescue | h. organization |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ of the TV show 'Thunderbirds'.

New film (2) _____. It has not been seen

(3) _____. The TV company Century 21 Films will

(4) _____ to restore the film. The company

hopes people can see (5) _____ next year. It is

the show's 60th (6) _____.

Thunderbirds was (7) _____ the 1960s. There

were 32 (8) _____. It is now

(9) _____. It is about a life-saving organization

called International Rescue. The show's

(10) _____, special effects and models. The show

is (11) _____ dramatic music, amazing

spacecraft, (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TV SHOWS SURVEY

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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.

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) _____

