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Level 1 – 10th October 2024

Unseen video of 'Thunderbirds' TV show found

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Please try Levels 0, 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 contains material that has not been seen since the 1960s. The son of a Thunderbirds editor found twenty-two cans of Thunderbirds film in his house near London. The old film was given to the TV company Century 21 Films. Century 21 will use digital technology to restore the film. The company hopes people can see the new material next year.

Thunderbirds was a big hit in the 1960s. There were 32 fifty-minute episodes. It is now a cult classic. The show's creators used a technique called Supermarionation to make the shows. This used puppets, special effects and models. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about a life-saving organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its dramatic music, a variety of 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 | a. near London |
| 2. New film has been | b. since the 1960s |
| 3. material that has not been seen | c. technology |
| 4. The son of a Thunderbirds | d. found |
| 5. twenty-two cans of Thunderbirds | e. material next year |
| 6. in his house | f. editor |
| 7. digital | g. material |
| 8. people can see the new | h. film |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Thunderbirds was a big | a. organization |
| 2. There were 32 | b. cult classic |
| 3. It is now a | c. a technique |
| 4. The show's creators used | d. in the 2060s |
| 5. special | e. for its dramatic music |
| 6. The show was set | f. hit in the 1960s |
| 7. It was about a life-saving | g. effects |
| 8. The show is famous | h. fifty-minute episodes |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ material of the TV show 'Thunderbirds'. New film (2) _____. It contains material that has not been seen (3) _____. The son of a Thunderbirds editor found twenty-two cans of Thunderbirds film in his house near London. The old (4) _____ to the TV company Century 21 Films. Century 21 will use digital technology (5) _____ film. The company hopes people can see the new (6) _____.

Thunderbirds was (7) _____ in the 1960s. There were 32 fifty-minute episodes. It is now (8) _____. The show's creators used a technique called Supermarionation to (9) _____. This used puppets, (10) _____ models. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about (11) _____ organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its dramatic music, a variety of 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **TV shows** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
