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Level 2 – 10th October 2024

Unseen video of 'Thunderbirds' TV show found

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Please try Levels 0, 1 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'. Twenty-two cans of film of the show have been found at a house near London. The house belonged to an editor of Thunderbirds who died recently. The old video footage was given to the TV company Century 21 Films. A Century 21 spokesperson said the newly found film contains material that has been unseen since the 1960s. Century 21 said his company would restore the film using digital technology. He hopes people can see the new material in time for the 60th anniversary next year.

Thunderbirds was a big hit in the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The show was created by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a technique called Supermarionation to make the shows. This used puppets, special effects and futuristic-looking models. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two series, with 32 fifty-minute episodes. 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 and its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1e848ewnln0>
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderbirds_\(TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunderbirds_(TV_series))

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There is new material | a. anniversary next year |
| 2. Twenty-two cans | b. near London |
| 3. found at a house | c. since the 1960s |
| 4. The house belonged | d. footage |
| 5. video | e. technology |
| 6. material that has been unseen | f. of the TV show |
| 7. digital | g. to an editor |
| 8. in time for the 60th | h. of film |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Thunderbirds was a big | a. looking models |
| 2. It is now a cult | b. Supermarionation |
| 3. They used a technique called | c. its dramatic music |
| 4. special | d. episodes |
| 5. futuristic- | e. classic |
| 6. Thunderbirds was filmed between | f. effects |
| 7. 32 fifty-minute | g. 1964 and 1966 |
| 8. The show is famous for | h. hit in the 1960s |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ the TV show 'Thunderbirds'. Twenty-two cans of film of the show have been found at a house near London. The house (2) _____ editor of Thunderbirds who died recently. The old (3) _____ given to the TV company Century 21 Films. A Century 21 spokesperson said the (4) _____ contains material that has been unseen since the 1960s. Century 21 said his company would restore the film (5) _____. He hopes people can see the new (6) _____ for the 60th anniversary next year.

Thunderbirds was a (7) _____ the 1960s. It is now a cult classic. The (8) _____ by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. They used a technique called Supermarionation to make the shows. This used puppets, (9) _____ futuristic-looking models. Thunderbirds was filmed between 1964 and 1966. There were two series, with (10) _____ episodes. The show was set in the 2060s. It was about (11) _____ organization called International Rescue. The show is famous for its (12) _____ its Thunderbirds spacecraft and machines.

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.
