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# New York City ... in Minecraft!

## Vocabulary Practice

- **Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.**

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| 1. invent (v.)   | <u>E</u> | A. liked by many people                        |
| 2. popular       | _____    | B. a careful plan of work                      |
| 3. adventure     | _____    | C. almost real                                 |
| 4. create (v.)   | _____    | D. a box-shaped material used for building     |
| 5. realistic     | _____    | E. to make something that did not exist before |
| 6. recreate (v.) | _____    | F. to make something again                     |
| 7. project       | _____    | G. to make something                           |
| 8. block         | _____    | H. an unusual or exciting experience           |

- **Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.**

1. *Star Wars* movies are very popular. Many people like them.
2. When did the Wright brothers \_\_\_\_\_ the airplane?
3. Last week, our school \_\_\_\_\_ a new English language program.
4. We need more \_\_\_\_\_ so we can finish building the house.
5. I want to make a volcano for my school science \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Your painting of the tree looks very \_\_\_\_\_. It looks almost real.
7. I'm bored! Let's go traveling and have an exciting \_\_\_\_\_!
8. That was a great sandwich you made last week. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ it?

- **Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Grammar in the News

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- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

A few months ago, something interesting (1)\_\_\_\_\_. My seven-year-old son told me about a computer game, and now I can't stop (2)\_\_\_\_\_ it. The game is called Minecraft. It was invented (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a Swedish man called Markus "Notch" Persson, and it is now one of the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ popular computer games of all time. Between 17 May 2009 and 2016, more (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 106 million games were sold. There (6)\_\_\_\_\_ many different kinds of Minecraft games. In some games, you can fight with other players, while in other games you can (7)\_\_\_\_\_ on adventures. There is even a new (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of Minecraft called "Minecraft: Education Edition" that teachers can use in the classroom. One of the most interesting things about Minecraft, however, may be the ability of (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to build and create realistic houses, towns, and even large cities. For example, a couple of years ago, Duncan Parcells (who was just 19 at the time) recreated the World Trade Center (10)\_\_\_\_\_ New York City – and then he decided to continue working. His project, which has (11)\_\_\_\_\_ years of work (and 4.5 million Minecraft blocks), now (12)\_\_\_\_\_ about a hundred large 3D buildings very similar to those found in New York City.

1.

- (A) happen  
(B) happened  
(C) happening

2.

- (A) played  
(B) play  
(C) playing

3.

- (A) by  
(B) ay  
(C) to

4.

- (A) most  
(B) much  
(C) must

5.

- (A) then  
(B) thin  
(C) than

6.

- (A) is  
(B) are  
(C) have

7.

- (A) go  
(B) went  
(C) going

8.

- (A) kinds  
(B) kind  
(C) kindly

9.

- (A) plays  
(B) players  
(C) player

10.

- (A) on  
(B) at  
(C) in

11.

- (A) taken  
(B) took  
(C) takes

12.

- (A) have  
(B) had  
(C) has

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# New York City ... in Minecraft!

## How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The article is about the inventor of Minecraft, Markus "Notch" Persson.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Markus "Notch" Persson sold the game for 106 million dollars.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Some students learn things at school with Minecraft.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Duncan Parcels began working on his project 19 years ago.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Duncan Parcels used millions of blocks to recreate New York City.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Duncan made about one hundred realistic Minecraft buildings.

## Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Have you ever played Minecraft? If 'yes', do you enjoy it?
2. Do you think it's a good idea for teachers to teach with Minecraft?  
Why? / Why not?
3. Would you like to build a realistic city using Minecraft? Why? / Why not?

## Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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**Headline** "New York City ... in Minecraft!"**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes passives)**Level** Intermediate to Upper Intermediate (CEFR B1 to B2)**ANSWER KEY** Page 1*My Notes*● **Vocabulary**

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|------|--------------|
| 1. E | 1. popular   |
| 2. A | 2. invent    |
| 3. H | 3. created   |
| 4. G | 4. blocks    |
| 5. C | 5. project   |
| 6. F | 6. realistic |
| 7. B | 7. adventure |
| 8. D | 8. recreate  |

**ANSWER KEY** Page 2**ANSWER KEY** Page 3● **Grammar (Article)**

- |      |       |
|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A  |
| 2. C | 8. B  |
| 3. A | 9. B  |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. C | 11. A |
| 6. B | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The article is about New York City in Minecraft.*)
2. F (*The article doesn't say this.*)
3. T
4. F (*He began his project about 2 years ago.*)
5. T
6. T

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