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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.

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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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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.*

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)**

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|------|-------|
| 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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