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Blended Learning Lesson

Elon Musk

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------------|----------|---|
| 1. online | <u>E</u> | A. the fourth planet from the sun |
| 2. rocket | _____ | B. a tall machine that can fly into space |
| 3. cheap | _____ | C. liked by many people |
| 4. Mars | _____ | D. at a low price |
| 5. launch (a rocket) | _____ | E. an activity or service found on the internet |
| 6. popular | _____ | F. to send a rocket into the sky |
| 7. tunnel | _____ | G. something made for the first time |
| 8. invention | _____ | H. an underground passage made by people |

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

1. There is a very long tunnel under that mountain.
2. That song was very _____ in the 1980s.
3. What was the most important _____ of the last hundred years?
4. I think I'll buy this shirt. It's not expensive, it's _____.
5. With my new computer, I often shop for things _____.
6. Do you think people will ever live on _____?
7. When will Elon Musk _____ his first rockets to Mars?
8. When did the first _____ land on the Moon?

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

1. _____
2. _____

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Topic: Famous People

Elon Musk was born on June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa. He loved reading and learning about computers when he was a kid. At just 12 years old, Elon made his first video game and sold it for \$500!



Elon went to college in the United States, studying at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1999, he started a company called X.com, which later became PayPal, a way for people to send money **online**¹. In 2002, PayPal was sold to eBay for \$1.5 billion, making Elon very rich.

Elon then started SpaceX in 2002, a company that builds **rockets**². He wanted to make space travel **cheaper**³ so people could one day live on **Mars**⁴. In 2008, SpaceX **launched**⁵ its first successful rocket, and in 2012, it sent a spaceship to the International Space Station.

Elon also leads Tesla, a company he joined in 2004 that makes electric cars. Tesla's cars, like the Model S and Model 3, are **popular**⁶ all over the world. In 2016, Elon started a company called Neuralink to connect computers to human brains, and another called The Boring Company to build underground **tunnels**⁷. Elon works hard to make the world better with his big ideas and amazing **inventions**⁸!

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Listening and Spelling Practice

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- *Listen to the article and fill in each space with a missing vowel (a, e, i, o, u).*

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Grammar Practice

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- **Choose the best words to complete the sentences.**

Elon Musk was born on June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa. He loved reading and learning (1)_____ computers when he (2)_____ a kid. At just 12 years old, Elon made his first video game and sold (3)_____ for \$500!

Elon went to college in the United States, studying at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1999, he started a company called X.com, (4)_____ later became PayPal, a way (5)_____ people to send money online. In 2002, PayPal was sold to eBay for \$1.5 billion, making Elon very rich.

Elon (6)_____ started SpaceX in 2002, a company that (7)_____ rockets. He wanted to make space travel cheaper so people could one day (8)_____ on Mars. In 2008, SpaceX launched its first successful rocket, and in 2012, it sent a spaceship to the International Space Station.

Elon also (9)_____ Tesla, a company he joined in 2004 that makes (10)_____ cars. Tesla's cars, like the Model S and Model 3, are popular all (11)_____ the world. In 2016, Elon started a company called Neuralink to connect computers to human brains, and another called The Boring Company to build underground tunnels. Elon works hard to make the world better with his big ideas and (12)_____ inventions!

1.

- (A) to
- (B) for
- (C) about

2.

- (A) was
- (B) is
- (C) were

3.

- (A) it
- (B) its
- (C) it's

4.

- (A) what
- (B) which
- (C) witch

5.

- (A) for
- (B) fore
- (C) four

6.

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

7.

- (A) buildings
- (B) build
- (C) builds

8.

- (A) live
- (B) life
- (C) lives

9.

- (A) lead
- (B) leads
- (C) leading

10.

- (A) electricity
- (B) electric
- (C) electrical

11.

- (A) on
- (B) over
- (C) about

12.

- (A) amaze
- (B) amazed
- (C) amazing

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How Much Do You Understand?

- **According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.**
1. _____ Elon Musk studied at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.
 2. _____ Elon Musk bought PayPal for \$1.5 billion.
 3. _____ Elon Musk wants to send people to another planet.
 4. _____ SpaceX sent a rocket to the International Space Station in 2008.
 5. _____ Many people like Tesla's cars.
 6. _____ The Boring Company does not need to connect computers to human brains.

Discuss

- **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**
1. What three questions would you like to ask Elon Musk?
 2. Would you like to live on Mars? Why? / Why not?
 3. Which of Elon Musk's companies do you think is the most interesting?
Why?

Write

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

Lesson "Elon Musk"

Grammar Focus Mixed (focus on past tense)

Vocabulary 187 words

A1 words-56% / **A2** words-18% / **B1** words-2% / **B2** words-2%

Off-List 22%

Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

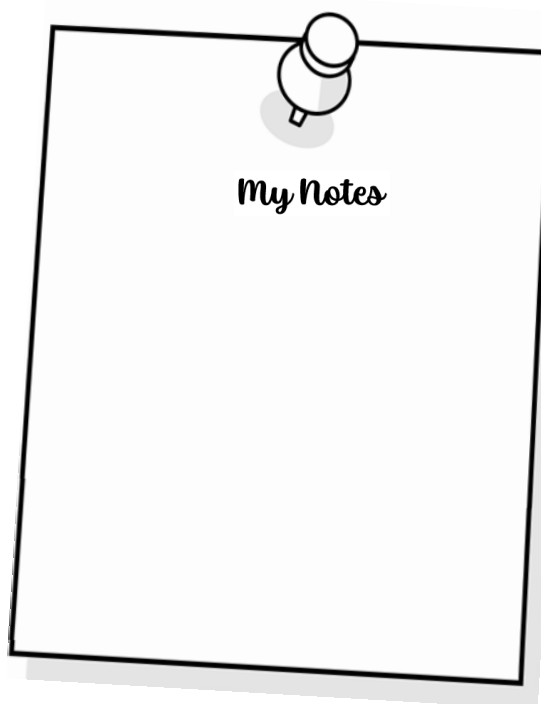


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ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|--------------|
| 1. E | 1. tunnel |
| 2. B | 2. popular |
| 3. D | 3. invention |
| 4. A | 4. cheap |
| 5. F | 5. online |
| 6. C | 6. Mars |
| 7. H | 7. launch |
| 8. G | 8. rocket |



ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **Grammar (Article)**

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

ANSWER KEY Page 5

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

- | | |
|------|------|
| 1. F | 4. F |
| 2. F | 5. T |
| 3. T | 6. T |

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