

## 0. Pre-Listening Activity: match the words with their definitions

1. tumultuous	a. Never done or known before.
2. get to grips with	b. Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits.
3. platform	c. Excited, confused, or disorderly.
4. unprecedented	d. A standard for the hardware of a computer system.
5. transformation	e. Begin to deal with or understand.
6. competence	f. A total, great or dramatic change in form or appearance.
7. deprived	g. The ability to do something successfully or efficiently.

## **Paragraph 2**

8. initiative	h. Of a person not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society.
9. underprivileged	i. Take part.
10. participate	j. Intensifying, increasing, or further improving the quality, value, or extent of.
11. rollout	k. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something.
12. pilot	l. A person who interprets, especially one who translates speech orally.
13. enhancing	m. Done as an experiment or test before introducing something more widely.
14. interpreter	n. The official launch or introduction of a new product or service.

**LISTEN:**

# 1 GAP FILL

The year 2020 has been a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with online platforms to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education as technology has taken centre (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The quality of education (5) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world according to the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in engaging with the technology. It also depended on what kind of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ students had at home. Many students were deprived of lessons because they had no computer, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has rolled out a new (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 (10) \_\_\_\_\_ pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to enable them to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to build on the success of this initial (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from (13) \_\_\_\_\_ pupils and schools in need, this pilot project is to find the best implementation method before it is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for expansion." The plans include (15) \_\_\_\_\_ educational television programming for students with no Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the hard of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 2. Choose the right word and put in the right preposition.

The year 2020 has been a *presumptuous* / *tumultuous* one for educators. Hundreds of thousands of teachers across the globe had to get *clips* / *grips* on online *platforms* / *platform* to deliver their lessons. Millions of students were *struck* / *stuck* at home doing their lessons via websites like Zoom. This has created an unprecedented transformation in education *was* / *as* technology has taken centre stage. The quality of education *differed* / *referred* around the world according to / of the quality of Internet connections, the level of preparedness of teachers and their competence on / in engaging with the technology. It also depended in / on what kind of devices students had at home. Many students were *depraved* / *deprived* of lessons because they had no computer, tablet or smartphone.

The Education Ministry in Malaysia has *tumbled* / *rolled* out a new initiative to help underprivileged children. Around 150,000 *eligible* / *iris* pupils from 500 schools will receive a device to *cable* / *enable* them to participate online lessons. The Education Minister hopes to *version* / *build* on the success of this initial *rollout* / *roulette* to expand the programme. He said: "Apart from assisting pupils and schools in need, this pilot *protect* / *project* is to find the best implementation method before it is proposed *contraction* / *expansion*." The plans include enhancing educational television programming for students with *not* / *no* Internet access, and employing sign language interpreters to help the *heard* / *hard* of hearing. A teacher said she was happy her government was prioritizing students' *needs* / *needy*.

## ACADEMIC WRITING

**Write the answer to the following prompt (between 200-250 words)**

Face-to-face learning is always better than online learning.

Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

There is NO auto-check for Writing Task. Results in class on submission

## CHECK YOUR ANSWERS! :)

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