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## Google Street View in the Amazon

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Google said it wants to share images of Amazon communities and show them how to use the cameras. Google's blog said: "By teaching locals how to operate these tools, they can continue sharing their points of view, culture and ways of life with audiences across the globe." The project will be a valuable resource for students to use in class. However, many people say it will not be good for the Amazon villagers. They might not want to share their traditional life with the world.

# PHRASE MATCH

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## Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. sending its Street View cameras down | a. tour of the Amazon |
| 2. what our towns and cities            | b. oceans             |
| 3. It has even been under the           | c. bio-diverse areas  |
| 4. take a photo                         | d. the Amazon River   |
| 5. remote and                           | e. joint effort       |
| 6. The project is a                     | f. look like          |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. it wants to share              | a. use the cameras |
| 2. show them how to               | b. view            |
| 3. points of                      | c. resource        |
| 4. a valuable                     | d. images          |
| 5. The project will be a valuable | e. with the world  |
| 6. share their traditional life   | f. resource        |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Google said it wants \_\_\_\_\_ of Amazon communities and \_\_\_\_\_ use the cameras. Google's blog said: "By teaching locals \_\_\_\_\_ these tools, they can continue sharing their \_\_\_\_\_, culture and ways of life with audiences across the globe." The project will be \_\_\_\_\_ for students to use in class. However, many people say it will not be good for the Amazon villagers. They might not want to share their \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Google is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ its Street View cameras down the Amazon River. Street View usually lets us see what our towns and cities look like. It has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ been under the oceans and on the moon. Now Google wants us to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to take a photo tour of the Amazon rainforest. Photographers will take photos of "some of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ remote and bio-diverse areas in the world" and create 360-(5) \_\_\_\_\_ panoramas. The project is a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ effort between Google and the Amazonas Sustainable Foundation.

Google said it wants to share (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of Amazon communities and show them how to use the cameras. Google's blog said: "By (8) \_\_\_\_\_ locals how to operate these tools, they can continue sharing their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of view, culture and ways of life with audiences (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the globe." The project will be a valuable resource for students to use in class. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, many people say it will not be good for the Amazon villagers. They might not want to share their traditional life (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |             |              |              |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) sending | (b) sends    | (c) sender   |
| 2.  | (a) ever    | (b) event    | (c) even     |
| 3.  | (a) ability | (b) able     | (c) enabled  |
| 4.  | (a) most    | (b) must     | (c) moist    |
| 5.  | (a) degree  | (b) degrees  | (c) agrees   |
| 6.  | (a) joining | (b) joins    | (c) joint    |
| 7.  | (a) image   | (b) images   | (c) imaged   |
| 8.  | (a) teaches | (b) taught   | (c) teaching |
| 9.  | (a) points  | (b) paints   | (c) pants    |
| 10. | (a) under   | (b) across   | (c) in       |
| 11. | (a) Forever | (b) Moreover | (c) However  |
| 12. | (a) at      | (b) with     | (c) by       |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. Google is ndeisng its Street View cameras
2. towns and etciiis
3. under the caseon
4. take a ohotp tour
5. the most toemer and bio-diverse areas
6. The epcrojt is a joint effort

## Paragraph 2

7. share iaemsg
8. teaching solcal
9. sharing their osnipt of view
10. audiences across the eblog
11. a valuable ecreurso
12. itrdltnaaio life

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110827-google\\_street\\_view.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110827-google_street_view.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) operate these tools, they can continue sharing their points of view, culture and ways
- ( ) lets us see what our towns and cities look like. It has even been under the
- ( ) of life with audiences across the globe." The project will be a valuable resource for students to use in
- ( ) Google and the Amazonas Sustainable Foundation.
- ( ) Google said it wants to share images of Amazon communities and show
- ( ) them how to use the cameras. Google's blog said: "By teaching locals how to
- ( ) areas in the world" and create 360-degree panoramas. The project is a joint effort between
- ( ) class. However, many people say it will not be good for the Amazon
- ( ) tour of the Amazon rainforest. Photographers will take photos of "some of the most remote and bio-diverse
- ( ) oceans and on the moon. Now Google wants us to be able to take a photo
- ( ) villagers. They might not want to share their traditional life with the world.
- ( **1** ) Google is sending its Street View cameras down the Amazon River. Street View usually

# WORD JUMBLE

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. towns and cities look like Lets us see what our.

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2. has It oceans the under been even.

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3. a Amazon photo rainforest tour of Take the.

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4. bio-diverse The most remote areas and.

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5. effort The is joint project a.

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6. images It of wants Amazon to communities share.

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7. them Show cameras the use to how.

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8. view sharing their They points can of continue.

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9. to students for resource valuable A use.

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10. for the Amazon People say it will not be good.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. RAINFORESTS:** Search the Internet and find more information about rainforests. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the Google Street View Amazon project. Include imaginary interviews with someone who likes it and someone who doesn't like it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the head of the Google Street View Amazon project. Ask him/her three questions about rainforests. Give him/her three of your opinions on rainforests. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.