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PRE – ASSESSMENT



PRE 1 – True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.

	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 Maldives archipelago is not at-risk from climate change.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The highest point in Maldives sits just under 8 feet above sea level.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Maldives will be gone by 2030.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 A new project could be the beginning of a real solution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned in the audio in 3-5 sentences using at least 3 vocabularies from the article.

01 Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar** with or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.



- 00:00 It may be a vacation **paradise** and destination of dreams for honeymooners around the world. But the beautiful Maldives **archipelago** is one of the most at-risk countries on the planet from climate change.
- 00:11 The rising oceans **threaten** to wash over its tropical islands which are the lowest lying on earth. The highest point in the entire Maldives sits just under eight feet above sea level on Villingili Island in the Addu Atoll. But, it looks like a new project could be the beginning of a real solution to the concerns of their **shrinking** landmass.
- 00:28 The Maldives floating city has the green light for the construction of 5,000 floating housing units **linked together** by walkways and **tethered** to the 200 hectare lagoon floor. This housing project like no other will sit just a 15-minute boat ride from the Maldivian capital Malé.
- 00:44 With its international airport being built under an **integrated** tourism model, Maldives' floating city will eventually be a mix of houses, hotels, shops, restaurants and a marina. Buildings will be low rise and sea facing positioned along tidy palm line streets where a network of bridges, canals and docks – promises to create **cohesiveness** and make all **amenities** easily **accessible**.

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- 01:06 Structures in the lagoon will be supported and **stabilized** by sandy beaches while outside **massive** coral reefs will be grown to house, hotels, restaurants and shops. There will be no cars but rather the crunch of sand underfoot, the ding of bicycle bells and the **hum** of electric buggies and scooters ensuring minimal noise pollution.
- 01:24 According to Muhammad Nasheed, the president of the Maldives from 2008 to 2012, the floating city will not require any land **reclamation** and has **minimal** impact on coral reefs.
- 01:34 Being built as a private-public partnership between Netherlands-based Dutch Docklands and the Maldivian government, the project has been more than a decade in the making and will act as a **blueprint** for **sustainable** developments in the future in the Maldives and elsewhere.
- 01:47 The city is composed of hexagonal segments modeled on the geometry of local coral built using the most eco-friendly construction possible and **complemented** with traditional Maldivian architecture. While the buildings float on the water's surface, island barriers around the lagoon will serve as **breakers** below the water line, an **ingenious configuration** that lessens the impact of lagoon waves while stabilizing the structures and **complexes** on the surface.
- 02:11 The project was proposed as a home to Maldivians as well as international visitors who will automatically have the option to get a residence permit with a house purchase. The marine engineering and technical details are complete and construction is **slated** to begin after government approvals have been granted in January 2023 with an estimated five-year timeline to completion. But if you can't wait that long to get a taste of what this floating future might look like, the first block will be open for public viewing in August this year.

02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

A paradise	1 _____	becoming smaller or less
B shrinking	2 _____	very large in size, amount, or number
C tethered	3 _____	something intended to make life more pleasant or comfortable for people
D integrated	4 _____	tied to a post or fixed to the ground with a rope or chain
E amenities	5 _____	able to be reached or easily obtained
F accessible	6 _____	with two or more things combined in order to become more effective
G massive	7 _____	a place or condition of great happiness

02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

tropical
network
lagoon
climate
construction
stabilized
archipelago
massive
threaten
cohesiveness

- But the beautiful Maldives _____ s one of the most at-risk countries on the planet from _____ change.
- The rising oceans _____ to wash over its _____ islands which are the lowest lying on earth.
- The Maldives floating city has the green light for the _____ of 5,000 floating housing units linked together by walkways and tethered to the 200 hectare _____ floor.
- Buildings will be low rise and sea facing positioned along tidy palm line streets where a _____ of bridges canals and docks promises to create _____ and make all amenities easily accessible.
- Structures in the lagoon will be supported and _____ by sandy beaches while outside _____ coral reefs will be grown to house, hotels, restaurants and shops.

03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 What are the positive environmental impacts of building a floating city in the Maldives?

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2 What is your opinion regarding the proposed design of the floating city in the Maldives?

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3 If you would be given the chance to design the city, what amenities would you include in the design?

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4 What could be the possible negative impact of a floating city if there are any?

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04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

WORD	01
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

All endings are also beginnings –



Notes

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



KEY ANSWERS

A1
1G 2A 3D 4F 5C 6E 7B

A2
1 archipelago, climate
2 threaten, tropical
3 construction, lagoon
4 network, cohesiveness
5 stabilized, massive

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