

Wikipedia

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Wikipedia gets about _____ visitors per day. It's a huge success and a quick source of information _____ in many languages. The way Wikipedia _____ today is, however, quite different from its original _____ .

The history of Wikipedia goes back to 2001. Jimmy Wales had a _____ called Nupedia. It was designed to be a free online _____. According to the original plan, its articles would be written by _____ who were experts in different fields. In order to produce _____ information, each article had to pass _____ steps of review. All that checking _____ a problem. It was slow. During the first year, only 12 articles were _____ online.

One _____, Jimmy met two people who had an idea to make Nupedia better: build a new website with wiki _____. A wiki lets people _____ online to create and change articles. The word wiki comes from the _____ language in Hawaii and means quick.

Jimmy liked the idea. He _____ wiki articles could be checked and later added to Nupedia. In other words, the wiki would support his _____ website, Nupedia.

Well, that idea soon changed. In January 2001, Wikipedia was online. In the first seven months, it had _____ articles. By the end of the first year, there were _____ articles with another 1500 added _____ month. Wikipedia was a success. In 2003, Nupedia was shut down. By _____, Wikipedia had 36 million articles in _____ languages. Funding for Wikipedia comes from public _____. There are no advertisements. According to a 2014 report, Wikipedia has an _____ budget of about \$ _____ million, which includes \$2 million for internet hosting.

Wikipedia is a success in many ways. And it all started as a small _____ that grew into a global _____ supported by volunteers around the world.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. intent | a. principal |
| 2. primary | b. contribution |
| 3. donation | c. fiscal estimate |
| 4. budget | d. area of expertise |
| 5. field | e. aim |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Wikipedia was launched in 2001. T or F
2. Volunteers create page content. T or F
3. In 2014, hosting was 10% of the total budget. T or F
4. The word wiki, from Hawaii, means fast. T or F
5. Wikipedia is available in 200 languages. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

BVLILAEAA _____

UCIPLB _____

DESCAU _____

DABRN _____

YAIPRMR _____

LIINMLO _____

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What kind of story is this?
 2. Inventions often start with a problem. What was the problem in this story?
 3. Describe the early days of Wikipedia and its forerunner.
 4. What factors helped make Wikipedia a financial success?
 5. Is Wikipedia reliable?
 6. Do you have a favourite site for accurate information?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. from / comes / for / Wikipedia / public / funding / donations
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2. to / wiki / change / and / lets / a / online / collaborate / articles / people / create
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3. according / experts / written / original / articles / to / be / its / who / the / plan / would / were / different / in / volunteers / by / fields
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4. Wikipedia / about / per / million / 13 / visitors / day / gets
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5. were / articles / by / first / with / month / every / the / there / year / another / of / end / 20000 / 1500 / the / added
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