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## **Level 0**

### **Xbox One has technical problems on day one**

**26th November, 2013**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131126-xbox-one-0.html>

Microsoft's new Xbox One sold more than one million consoles in 24 hours. It sold out in many countries. Microsoft was happy thousands of fans got an Xbox One. They said it was "a special moment". Microsoft will work hard to make more Xbox One consoles. People want them for presents for this season's holiday.

Many Xbox One users are not happy. They get error messages.

An update made the machine stop. Microsoft told users to call customer support if it stopped for 10 minutes. Someone will help them. Sony also has a new console. It's the PlayStation 4.

It is \$80 cheaper. People say it is a "pure gaming machine".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1172702/xbox-one-million-consoles-sold-in-24-hours>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/22/xbox-one-microsoft-websites-problems-launch>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. more than           | a. moment                 |
| 2. It sold             | b. more Xbox One consoles |
| 3. thousands of        | c. one million            |
| 4. it was a special    | d. holiday                |
| 5. Microsoft will work | e. out                    |
| 6. make                | f. for presents           |
| 7. People want them    | g. hard                   |
| 8. this season's       | h. fans                   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Many Xbox One users | a. has a new console |
| 2. They get error      | b. are not happy     |
| 3. An update made      | c. support           |
| 4. call customer       | d. gaming machine    |
| 5. Someone will        | e. messages          |
| 6. Sony also           | f. cheaper           |
| 7. It is \$80          | g. the machine stop  |
| 8. a pure              | h. help them         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131126-xbox-one-0.html>

Microsoft's new Xbox One (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one million consoles in 24 hours. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ many countries. Microsoft was happy (3) \_\_\_\_\_ got an Xbox One. They said it was " (4) \_\_\_\_\_".

Microsoft will work hard (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Xbox One consoles. People want them (6) \_\_\_\_\_ this season's holiday.

Many Xbox One (7) \_\_\_\_\_ happy. They get error messages. An (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the machine stop. Microsoft told users to call (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if it stopped for 10 minutes. Someone (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sony also has (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It's the PlayStation 4. It is \$80 cheaper. People say it is a "(12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131126-xbox-one-0.html>

Write about **games consoles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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