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## **Level 2**

# **Technology goods to become cheaper**

**30th July, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150730-it-products-2.html>

A new global trade agreement will make IT products cheaper. Over 50 countries agreed to end import duties on 200 IT products. All 28 countries from the European Union signed, as well as China, Japan, South Korea, and the U.S. It was signed at a World Trade Organization meeting. It will affect a variety of products, including smartphones, cameras, ink cartridges, video game consoles and even satellites. Import duties will be removed from the IT products in the next four years. This will affect \$1.3 trillion worth of global trade. This is about 7 per cent of all world trade.

The deal will be good for the world. The EU said: "This is a great deal for consumers, and for companies big and small. We've worked hard...to find the best solutions." It added: "This deal will cut costs for consumers and business - in particular, for smaller firms, which have been hit especially hard...in the past." The EU hopes more countries will sign in the next few years. It said: "Countries around the world can work together to achieve solutions that benefit everyone." It added that many more countries should join the deal soon.

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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. A new global trade                    | a. of global trade       |
| 2. import                                | b. as China              |
| 3. as well                               | c. agreement             |
| 4. It will affect                        | d. cartridges            |
| 5. ink                                   | e. duties                |
| 6. in the next four                      | f. all world trade       |
| 7. This will affect \$1.3 trillion worth | g. years                 |
| 8. This is about 7 per cent of           | h. a variety of products |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The deal will be good       | a. everyone           |
| 2. a great deal for            | b. and small          |
| 3. companies big               | c. join the deal soon |
| 4. find the best               | d. can work together  |
| 5. more countries will sign in | e. for the world      |
| 6. Countries around the world  | f. the next few years |
| 7. solutions that benefit      | g. solutions          |
| 8. more countries should       | h. consumers          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The deal (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. The EU said: "This is a great (8) \_\_\_\_\_, and for companies big and small. We've worked hard...to find (9) \_\_\_\_\_." It added: "This deal will cut costs for consumers and business - in particular, for smaller firms, which have been (10) \_\_\_\_\_...in the past." The EU hopes more countries will sign in the next few years. It said: "Countries around the world can work together (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that benefit everyone." It added that many more countries (12) \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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