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Level 2 – 25th April, 2020

New Netflix subscribers surge during pandemic

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-2.html>

Netflix has doubled the number of new subscribers it thought it would get this year. Netflix makes and streams movies and TV shows for subscribers to watch online. The company said 15.77 million new subscribers signed up in the past three months. It expected an increase of half this number. The increase in subscriptions is due to the coronavirus pandemic. Millions of people are staying at home watching films and shows. Netflix is now one of the world's most valuable companies. It is worth more than the oil company ExxonMobil. Its value is around \$196 billion.

Netflix said the rise in membership was probably temporary. It would probably go down and return to normal after lockdowns end. It said: "We expect viewing to decline and membership growth to [slow down as lockdowns] end, which we hope is soon." It added: "The coronavirus has reached every corner of the world and...no one knows how or when this terrible crisis will end....We are fortunate to have a service that is even more meaningful to people confined at home." The company hopes to start producing more new shows in the future.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/apr/21/netflix-new-subscribers-covid-19-lockdown>
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/netflix-gains-158-million-customers-amid-coronavirus-lockdowns-a4420526.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Netflix makes and | a. pandemic |
| 2. signed up in the past | b. company |
| 3. an increase of half | c. companies |
| 4. due to the coronavirus | d. \$196 billion |
| 5. Millions of people are | e. three months |
| 6. one of the world's most valuable | f. streams movies |
| 7. It is worth more than the oil | g. staying at home |
| 8. Its value is around | h. this number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the rise in | a. normal |
| 2. It would probably go | b. crisis will end |
| 3. return to | c. to decline |
| 4. after lockdowns | d. membership |
| 5. We expect viewing | e. end |
| 6. reached every corner | f. down |
| 7. when this terrible | g. at home |
| 8. people confined | h. of the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Netflix (1) _____ number of new subscribers it thought it would (2) _____. Netflix makes and streams movies and TV shows for subscribers (3) _____. The company said 15.77 million new subscribers signed up in the past three months. It expected an increase of (4) _____. The increase in subscriptions is due to the coronavirus pandemic. Millions of people are staying at home watching (5) _____. Netflix is now one of the world's most valuable companies. It is worth more than the oil company ExxonMobil. Its (6) _____ \$196 billion.

Netflix said the (7) _____ was probably temporary. It would probably go down and (8) _____ after lockdowns end. It said: "We expect viewing to decline and membership (9) _____ down as lockdowns] end, which we hope is soon." It added: "The coronavirus has reached (10) _____ the world and...no one knows how or when this terrible crisis will end....We are (11) _____ a service that is even more meaningful to people confined at home." The company hopes to start producing (12) _____ in the future.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NETFLIX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Netflix in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

