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## Jeff Bezos stepping down as Amazon CEO

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210205-jeff-bezos-1.html>

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos will stop being CEO. Mr Bezos, 57, will finish later this year. He will be Amazon's executive chair. The new CEO is currently head of Amazon Web Services - a cloud computing business. Mr Bezos started Amazon in his garage in 1995. It started as an online bookseller but turned into a global marketplace. It now does streaming of video, music, and audiobooks. It also makes electronics and devices, like Kindle e-readers.

Amazon is one of the world's most valuable companies. It is worth around \$1.7 trillion. Mr Bezos is one of the world's richest people. He spoke about his success. He said: "This journey began some 27 years ago. Amazon was only an idea, and it had no name....Today, we employ 1.3 million talented, dedicated people, serve hundreds of millions of customers...and are widely recognized as one of the most successful companies in the world."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/02/02/tech/amazon-earnings-bezos/index.html>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/02/technology/jeff-bezos-amazon.html>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-55912878>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Bezos, 57, will finish     | a. in his garage   |
| 2. He will be Amazon's executive | b. bookseller      |
| 3. cloud                         | c. and devices     |
| 4. Mr Bezos started Amazon       | d. chair           |
| 5. It started as an online       | e. video           |
| 6. turned into a global          | f. computing       |
| 7. streaming of                  | g. later this year |
| 8. It also makes electronics     | h. marketplace     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's most       | a. in the world          |
| 2. It is worth                   | b. idea                  |
| 3. Amazon was only an            | c. 1.3 million           |
| 4. we employ                     | d. recognized            |
| 5. talented,                     | e. around \$1.7 trillion |
| 6. hundreds of millions          | f. dedicated people      |
| 7. widely                        | g. of customers          |
| 8. the most successful companies | h. valuable companies    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Amazon is one of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ companies. It is worth around \$1.7 trillion. Mr Bezos is one of the world's richest people. He spoke (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "This journey began some 27 years ago. Amazon was (9) \_\_\_\_\_, and it had no name....Today, we employ 1.3 million talented, dedicated people, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of customers... (11) \_\_\_\_\_ recognized as (12) \_\_\_\_\_ most successful companies in the world."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AMAZON.COM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Amazon.com 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **Amazon.com** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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