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Letter of the alphabet for 'the' invented

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THE ARTICLE

An Australian businessman has invented a new, 27th, letter for the English alphabet. It is a symbol to replace the word "the". It looks like a combination of a capital "T" and a lower case "h" (Ћ). However, the "new" letter looks the same as a letter from the Serbian language. Paul Mathis believes many people will like his idea. It is already available for download on Apple's iTunes. Mathis is hoping mobile phone, tablet and computer makers will add the letter to their keyboards. He invested $35,000 in his app, but so far Apple has shown little interest. He told the "Sydney Morning Herald": "Is this going to change the world? Not really. But is it something that might be useful for people? I think so."

Mr Mathis believes the new character is useful because it replaces the most common word in the English language – "the". He said it will save people time when they type because they only need to use one key instead of the three needed for each letter of the word "the". He argued that other words have their own character. He pointed out that the word "and" has its own symbol - the ampersand (&) and that is only the fifth most common word. Mathis also says his new symbol will help "in the texting space" such as Twitter or texts where there is a limited number of characters. Not everyone agrees with Mathis. Computer experts don't think manufacturers will change their keyboards or operating systems.

WARM-UPS

1. THE ALPHABET: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the alphabet. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

businessman / letter / alphabet / download / iTunes / invested / keyboards / useful / common words / language / symbol / the word "and" / Twitter / operating systems

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NEW SOFTWARE: What could this "new" software be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Software	What is this?	How is it useful
A "the" key		
Talk & translate		
Ask for a definition		
Talk and type		
"Undo sent mail" key		
Record my life		

4. THE LETTER "Ћ": Students A **strongly** believe we need the letter " Ћ " in English; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WORDS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones you like most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the
- new
- symbol
- idea

- useful
- common
- texts
- manufacturers

6. THE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'the'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

a.	The English alphabet now has 27 letters.	T / F
b.	The new letter looks like no other letter or symbol ever created before.	T / F
c.	You can download the new letter on the Apple iTunes store.	T / F
d.	The inventor said the new letter was not going to change the world.	T / F
e.	The inventor said his idea would save people a lot of money.	T / F
f.	The guy said "the" needs a special character because "and" has one.	T / F
g.	The new character will not be very useful on Twitter.	T / F
h.	It is unlikely that computer makers will add the letter to their software.	T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

1.	invented		a.	tight
2	symbol		b.	on sale
3.	combination		c.	button
4.	available		d.	letter
5.	invested		e.	showed
6.	replaces		f.	put money into
7.	key		g.	developed
8.	pointed out		h.	makers
9.	limited		i.	mixture
10.	manufacturers		j.	exchanges

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	a new, 27th, letter for		a.	for download
2	It is a symbol to replace		b.	number of characters
3.	It is already available		c.	little interest
4.	He invested		d.	word in the English language
5.	Apple has shown		e.	the word "the"
6.	the most common		f.	- the ampersand (&)
7.	other words have		g.	$35,000 in his app
8.	"and" has its own symbol		h.	operating systems
9.	there is a limited		i.	their own character
10.	change their keyboards or		j.	the English alphabet

GAP FILL

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invested

available

might

capital

interest

symbol

hoping

case

Mr Mathis believes the new character is useful because it (9) _____ the most common word in the English language – "the". He said it will save people time when they (10) _____ because they only need to use one (11) _____ instead of the three needed for each letter of the word "the". He argued that other words have their (12) _____ character. He pointed out that the word "and" has its own symbol - the ampersand (&) and that is only the (13) _____ most common word. Mathis also says his new symbol will (14) _____ "in the texting space" such as Twitter or texts where there is a (15) _____ number of characters. Not everyone (16) _____ with Mathis. Computer experts don't think manufacturers will change their keyboards or operating systems.

own

limited

type

help

agrees

replaces

key

fifth

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LISTENING – **Guess the answers. Listen to check**

1) An Australian businessman has invented a new, 27th, letter for _____
   a. the English alphabets
   b. the English alphabetise
   c. the English alphabet
   d. the English alpha beta

2) It looks like a combination of a capital "T" and _____
   a. a lower cause "h"
   b. a lower cased "h"
   c. a lower cases "h"
   d. a lower case "h"

3) However, the "new" letter looks the same as a letter from _____
   a. the Serbian languages
   b. the Serbian language
   c. the Serbia language
   d. the Serbian's language

4) tablet and computer makers will add the letter _____
   a. to their keyboard
   b. to their keyboardist
   c. to their key boards
   d. to their keyboards

5) He invested $35,000 in his app, but so far Apple has _____
   a. shown little interest
   b. shown little interests
   c. shown little interested
   d. shown little interesting

6) the new character is useful because it replaces the _____
   a. most commoner word
   b. most commonly word
   c. most commons word
   d. most common word

7) He argued that other words have _____
   a. their own character
   b. their own characters
   c. their own characterise
   d. their own characterised

8) Mathis also says his new symbol will help "in _____"
   a. the text space
   b. the text in space
   c. the texting space
   d. the texts in space

9) …such as Twitter or texts where there is a limited _____
   a. numbers of characters
   b. numbered of characters
   c. number of characters
   d. numberical of characters

10) manufacturers will change their keyboards _____
   a. or operating system
   b. or operational systems
   c. or operating systems
   d. or operational system

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

An Australian businessman (1) _____, 27th, letter for the English alphabet. (2) _____ replace the word "the". It looks like a combination of a capital "T" and a lower case "h" (Ћ). However, the "new" letter (3) _____ a letter from the Serbian language. Paul Mathis believes many people will like his idea. It (4) _____ download on Apple's iTunes. Mathis is hoping mobile phone, tablet and computer makers (5) _____ their keyboards. He invested $35,000 in his app, but so far Apple has shown little interest. He told the "Sydney Morning Herald": "Is this going to change the world? Not really. But is it something (6) _____ for people? I think so."

Mr Mathis believes the new character is useful (7) _____ most common word in the English language – "the". He said it will save people time when they type because they (8) _____ one key instead of the three needed for each letter of the word "the". He argued that (9) _____ their own character. He pointed out that the word "and" has its own symbol - the ampersand (&) (10) _____ fifth most common word. Mathis also says his new symbol will help "in the texting space" such as Twitter or texts where there (11) _____ characters. Not everyone agrees with Mathis. Computer experts don't think manufacturers (12) _____ keyboards or operating systems.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Where is the man who had this idea from?

2. What two letters does the symbol look like?

3. From where can we get the app?

4. How much cash did the man put into his app?

5. How much interest has Apple shown in the man's app?

6. What is the most frequently used word in English?

7. How many keys do we need to press to type "the"?

8. What is the fifth most common word in English?

9. Who doesn't think the man's idea is so good?

10. What are computer makers unlikely to change?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1. Where is the man who had this idea from?

   a) America

   b) Australia

   c) India

   d) China

2. What two letters does the symbol look like?

   a) "F" and "t"

   b) "K" and "j"

   c) "T" and "h"

   d) "W" and "o"

3. From where can we get the app?

   a) the inventor's website

   b) Amazon.com

   c) Google

   d) Apple's iTunes store

4. How much cash did the man put into his app?

   a) $30,000

   b) $35,000

   c) $40,000

   d) $45,000

5. How much interest has Apple shown in the man's app?

   a) little

   b) a lot

   c) none

   d) a huge amount

6. What is the most frequently used word in English?

   a) the

   b) to

   c) be

   d) so

7. How many keys do we need to press to type "the"?

   a) one

   b) seven

   c) two

   d) three

8. What is the fifth most common word in English?

   a) I

   b) with

   c) and

   d) in

9. Who doesn't think the man's idea is so good?

   a) newspaper editors

   b) the boss of Twitter

   c) English teachers

   d) computer experts

10. What are computer makers unlikely to change?

   a) language

   b) their keyboards

   c) the word "the"

   d) their minds

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Inventor

You think your idea is great. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell anyone who disagrees that new technology like texting means we need new letters. Tell them it is time the English alphabet changed and became more 21st-century.

Role B – Computer maker boss

You think the idea of a 27th letter of the English alphabet is a bad one. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell the others the new letter would save almost no time. Tell them the inventor is just trying to be a little famous. The English alphabet is hundreds of years old. It does not need to change.

Role C – Texter

You love the idea of "the" becoming a letter of the alphabet. Tell the others three reasons why. You know it will save you a lot of time. You always make mistakes typing "the" so the new letter will be great. You also tweet a lot and need the extra space.

Role D – Serbia government

You are angry someone wants to use the "Ђ" symbol from your language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell the inventor (s)he needs to make an original letter and not steal from the Serbian language. You will sue the inventor if (s)he continues saying (s)he invented the letter " Ђ".

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms … for the words 'letter' and 'alphabet'.

letter	alphabet

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• replace	• common
• same	• key
• idea	• argued
• add	• fifth
• little	• limited
• change	• experts

THE ALPHABET SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about the alphabet 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.

THE ALPHABET DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

a)   What did you think when you read the headline?

b)   What springs to mind when you hear the word 'alphabet'?

c)   Are 26 letters in English enough?

d)   Are there any letters in English you love or hate?

e)   What do you think of Mr Mathis' "Ћ" symbol?

f)   What are the differences between your alphabet and the English one?

g)   Do you have any problems with the English alphabet?

h)   Why do you think Apple isn't so interested in the app?

i)   Should Serbians be angry Mr Mathis has used a letter similar to a letter of their alphabet?

j)   Would you download and use the "Ћ" app?

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THE ALPHABET DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

a)   Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

b)   Do you have any problems with the word "the"?

c)   If we use "Ћ," will we need a new alphabet song

d)   Is the word "the" totally necessary?

e)   What changes would you like to make to your alphabet?

f)   Is Mr Mathis right that "the" should have a special letter because "and" has one?

g)   Where on the keyboard would you put a new "Ћ" character?

h)   How helpful would "Ћ" be for texting or on Twitter?

i)   Would changing keyboards and operating systems be a problem?

j)   What questions would you like to ask Mr Mathis?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	inventor	(b)	invented	(c)	inventing	(d)	invents
2.	(a)	irreplaceable	(b)	replace	(c)	replacement	(d)	implacable
3.	(a)	bag	(b)	sack	(c)	pack	(d)	case
4.	(a)	surveyed	(b)	available	(c)	irrelevant	(d)	overly
5.	(a)	small	(b)	little	(c)	few	(d)	lessen
6.	(a)	charge	(b)	adopt	(c)	change	(d)	adapt
7.	(a)	normal	(b)	average	(c)	common	(d)	mean
8.	(a)	rather	(b)	prefer	(c)	instead	(d)	compare
9.	(a)	another	(b)	others	(c)	the other	(d)	other
10.	(a)	in	(b)	there	(c)	up	(d)	out
11.	(a)	limited	(b)	limit	(c)	limitless	(d)	limits
12.	(a)	operative	(b)	operates	(c)	operating	(d)	operated

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1.   a <u>slomby</u> to replace the word "the"

2.   It looks like a <u>ninocobmtia</u>

3.   a capital "T" and a <u>orwle</u> case "h"

4.   already <u>lliebvaaa</u> for download

5.   He <u>ienevtsd</u> $35,000 in his app

6.   Apple has shown little <u>itenters</u>

Paragraph 2

7.   the new <u>acearcthr</u> is useful

8.   the most <u>onocmm</u> word

9.   the English <u>aegunalg</u>

10.   there is a <u>itidlme</u> number

11.   <u>stucarnfuaemr</u> will change

12.   keyboards or <u>tigneoarp</u> systems

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   to replace the word "the". It looks like a combination of a capital "T" and a lower case "h" (Ћ). However, the "new" letter looks

(   )   the letter to their keyboards. He invested $35,000 in his app, but so far Apple has shown little

(   )   agrees with Mathis. Computer experts don't think manufacturers will change their keyboards or operating systems.

(   )   interest. He told the "Sydney Morning Herald": "Is this going to change the world? Not

(   )   language – "the". He said it will save people time when they type because they only need to use one

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(   )   really. But is it something that might be useful for people? I think so."

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(   )   out that the word "and" has its own symbol - the ampersand (&) and that is only the fifth

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. the English alphabet A new, . , 27th , letter for

2. the ". It is a symbol to replace the word "

3. as a letter from the Serbian language Looks . the same

4. add to will letter keyboards makers the their Computer.

5. useful something for that people might be It.

6. the English language It replaces the most common word in.

7. have character argued words own He other their that.

8. He has the that symbol "and" out own pointed its word.

9. characters a limited Where number there of is.

10. will manufacturers think don't experts Computer change.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

An Australian businessman has invented a new, 27th, letter *from / for* the English alphabet. It is a *symbolic / symbol* to replace the word "the". It looks like a combination of a capital "T" and a *lower / lowly* case "h" (Ћ). However, the "new" letter looks the same *as / has* a letter from the Serbian language. Paul Mathis believes many people will like his *ideal / idea*. It is already available for *download / upload* on Apple's iTunes. Mathis is hoping mobile phone, tablet and computer *markers / makers* will add the letter to their keyboards. He invested $35,000 *in / on* his app, but so far Apple has shown *little / small* interest. He told the "Sydney Morning Herald": "Is this going to *change / charge* the world? Not really. But is it something that might be useful for people? I think so."

Mr Mathis believes the new character is *useful / usefully* because it replaces the most common word in the English language – "the". He said it will *spend / save* people time when they *type / typing* because they only need to use one key *instead / rather* of the three needed for each letter of the word "the". He argued that *other / another* words have their own character. He pointed *up / out* that the word "and" has its own symbol - the ampersand (&) and that is only the fifth *most / mostly* common word. Mathis also says his new symbol will help "in the texting space" such *was / as* Twitter or texts where there is a limited number of characters. Not everyone *agreeing / agrees* with Mathis. Computer experts don't think manufacturers will change their keyboards or *operates / operating* systems.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

_n __str_l__n b_s_n_ssm_n h_s _nv_nt_d _ n_w, 27th, l_tt_r f_r th_ _ngl_sh _lph_b_t. _t _s _ symb_l t_ r_pl_c_ th_ w_rd "th_". _t l__ks l_k_ _ c_mb_n_t__n _f _ c_p_t_l "T" _nd _ l_w_r c_s_ "h" (Ћ). H_w_v_r, th_ "n_w" l_tt_r l__ks th_ s_m_ _s _ l_tt_r fr_m th_ S_rb__n l_ng__g_. P__l M_th_s b_l__v_s m_ny p__pl_ w_ll l_k_ h_s _d__. _t _s _lr__dy _v__l_bl_ f_r d_wnl__d _n _ppl_'s _T_n_s. M_th_s _s h_p_ng m_b_l_ ph_n_, t_bl_t _nd c_mp_t_r m_k_rs w_ll _dd th_ l_tt_r t_ th__r k_yb__rds. H_ _nv_st_d $35,000 _n h_s _pp, b_t s_ f_r _ppl_ h_s sh_wn l_ttl_ _nt_r_st. H_ t_ld th_ "Sydn_y M_rn_ng H_r_ld": "_s th_s g__ng t_ ch_ng_ th_ w_rld? N_t r__lly. B_t _s _t s_m_th_ng th_t m_ght b_ _s_f_l f_r p__pl_? _ th_nk s_."

Mr M_th_s b_l__v_s th_ n_w ch_r_ct_r _s _s_f_l b_c__s_ _t r_pl_c_s th_ m_st c_mm_n w_rd _n th_ _ngl_sh l_ng__g_ – "th_". H_ s__d _t w_ll s_v_ p__pl_ t_m_ wh_n th_y typ_ b_c__s_ th_y _nly n__d t_ _s_ _n_ k_y _nst__d _f th_ thr__ n__d_d f_r __ch l_tt_r _f th_ w_rd "th_". H_ _rg__d th_t _th_r w_rds h_v_ th__r _wn ch_r_ct_r. H_ p__nt_d __t th_t th_ w_rd "_nd" h_s _ts _wn symb_l - th_ _mp_rs_nd (&) _nd th_t _s _nly th_ f_fth m_st c_mm_n w_rd. M_th_s _ls_ s_ys h_s n_w symb_l w_ll h_lp "_n th_ t_xt_ng sp_c_" s_ch _s Tw_tt_r _r t_xts wh_r_ th_r_ _s _ l_m_t_d n_mb_r _f ch_r_ct_rs. N_t _v_ry_n_ _gr__s w_th M_th_s. C_mp_t_r _xp_rts d_n't th_nk m_n_f_ct_r_rs w_ll ch_ng_ th__r k_yb__rds _r _p_r_t_ng syst_ms.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From

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FREE WRITING

Write about **the alphabet** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

Adding the letter "Ћ" to the English alphabet is a great idea.   Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the "new" letter. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE ALPHABET: Make a poster about the English alphabet. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE: Write a magazine article about the word "the". Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against the new "Ћ" letter.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a language expert. Ask him/her three questions about the "Ћ" letter. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F   b F   c T   d T   e F   f T   g F   h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

1.	invented		a.	developed
2	symbol		b.	letter
3.	combination		c.	mixture
4.	available		d.	on sale
5.	invested		e.	put money into
6.	replaces		f.	exchanges
7.	key		g.	button
8.	pointed out		h.	showed
9.	limited		i.	tight
10.	manufacturers		j.	makers

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Australia
2. "T" and "h"
3. Apple's iTunes store
4. $35,000
5. Little
6. The
7. Three
8. And
9. Computer experts
10. Their keyboards and operating systems

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b   2. c   3. d   4. b   5. a   6. a   7. d   8. c   9. d   10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)