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## **Level 0**

# **Technology goods to become cheaper**

**30th July, 2015**

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

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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/1507/150730-it-products.html>

A new trade deal will make technology cheaper. Over 50 countries will end import duties on 200 products over the next four years. The countries signed the deal at the WTO. The products include smartphones, cameras, game consoles and satellites. This will affect \$1.3 trillion worth of business - about 7 per cent of world trade.

The deal will be good for shoppers and for companies. The countries worked hard on this deal. It will be very good for smaller companies. The EU hopes more countries will sign in the next few years. It said countries can work together to find answers that will help everyone.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A new trade                     | a. at the WTO        |
| 2. make technology                 | b. duties            |
| 3. 50 countries will end import    | c. worth of business |
| 4. over the next                   | d. smartphones       |
| 5. countries signed the deal       | e. deal              |
| 6. The products include            | f. four years        |
| 7. game                            | g. cheaper           |
| 8. This will affect \$1.3 trillion | h. consoles          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The deal will be good | a. hard on this deal   |
| 2. The countries worked  | b. will help everyone  |
| 3. It will               | c. companies           |
| 4. smaller               | d. few years           |
| 5. The EU hopes more     | e. together            |
| 6. in the next           | f. countries will sign |
| 7. countries can work    | g. for shoppers        |
| 8. find answers that     | h. be very good        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ will make technology cheaper. Over 50 countries will end (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 200 products (3) \_\_\_\_\_ four years. The countries signed the deal at the WTO. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ smartphones, cameras, game (5) \_\_\_\_\_. This will affect \$1.3 trillion worth of business - about 7 per cent (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The deal (7) \_\_\_\_\_ shoppers and for companies. The countries worked (8) \_\_\_\_\_ deal. It will be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ smaller companies. The EU hopes more countries (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the next few years. It said countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to find answers that (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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smaller companies. The EU hopes more countries will sign in the next few  
years. It said countries can work together to find an answer that will help  
everyone.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

