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Level 0 – 5th August, 2020

Microsoft could buy TikTok next month

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/200805-tiktok-0.html>

The on-off talks between Microsoft and TikTok are back on. Microsoft wants to buy part of TikTok. However, Donald Trump said he might ban TikTok in the USA. He changed his mind after the Microsoft CEO phoned him. Microsoft said it would make sure that all private data of US users would stay in the United States.

TikTok is very popular. It has over 800 million users worldwide. Users upload short videos of themselves singing to songs, dancing, making faces or doing other funny things. A Chinese businessman started TikTok in 2012. Microsoft will pay \$50 billion for a part of the company. A business website said this was too much.

Sources: <https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-08-03/tiktok-could-be-the-deal-of-the-decade-for-microsoft-ceo-nadella>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The on- | a. would |
| 2. Microsoft wants to buy | b. ban TikTok |
| 3. Trump said he might | c. phoned him |
| 4. He changed his | d. data |
| 5. the Microsoft CEO | e. off talks |
| 6. Microsoft said it | f. sure |
| 7. make | g. part of TikTok |
| 8. private | h. mind |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It has over 800 | a. much |
| 2. videos of themselves | b. pay \$50 billion |
| 3. doing other funny | c. million users |
| 4. A Chinese businessman | d. website |
| 5. Microsoft will | e. things |
| 6. part of | f. started TikTok |
| 7. A business | g. singing to songs |
| 8. this was too | h. the company |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ between Microsoft and TikTok are back on. Microsoft (2) _____ part of TikTok. However, Donald Trump (3) _____ ban TikTok in the USA. He changed (4) _____ the Microsoft CEO phoned him. Microsoft said it would (5) _____ all private data of US (6) _____ in the United States. TikTok (7) _____. It has over 800 million users worldwide. Users (8) _____ of themselves singing (9) _____, making faces or doing (10) _____. A Chinese businessman started TikTok in 2012. Microsoft will pay \$50 billion (11) _____ of the company. A business website said this (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TIKTOK SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about TikTok 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) _____

