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Level 1 – 5th August, 2020

Microsoft could buy TikTok next month

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The on-off talks between Microsoft and TikTok are back on. Microsoft wants to buy part of TikTok. Discussions between the two companies ended last week when Donald Trump said he might ban TikTok in the USA. He was worried about the personal details of Americans getting into the wrong hands. He changed his mind after the Microsoft CEO phoned him. Microsoft said it would ensure that all private data of US users would stay in the United States.

TikTok is the latest social media site to become very popular. Users upload short videos of themselves lip-syncing to songs, dancing, making faces or doing other funny things. TikTok is based in Beijing. A Chinese businessman started it in 2012. It has over 800 million users worldwide. Microsoft is offering \$50 billion for a part of the company. A business website said this value was too high and that TikTok wasn't worth \$50 billion.

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. on- | a. ban TikTok |
| 2. Microsoft wants to buy | b. the two companies |
| 3. Discussions between | c. of US users |
| 4. Trump said he might | d. details |
| 5. personal | e. off talks |
| 6. getting into the wrong | f. mind |
| 7. He changed his | g. part of TikTok |
| 8. private data | h. hands |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. the latest social media site to become | a. funny things |
| 2. lip-syncing | b. too high |
| 3. doing other | c. users worldwide |
| 4. A Chinese businessman | d. worth \$50 billion |
| 5. It has over 800 million | e. very popular |
| 6. offering \$50 billion for a part | f. started it |
| 7. this value was | g. to songs |
| 8. TikTok wasn't | h. of the company |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ Microsoft and TikTok are back on. Microsoft (2) _____ part of TikTok. Discussions between the two companies (3) _____ when Donald Trump said he might ban TikTok in the USA. He was worried about (4) _____ of Americans getting into the wrong hands. He (5) _____ after the Microsoft CEO phoned him. Microsoft said it would ensure that all private data of US users would (6) _____ United States.

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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) _____

