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IKEA starts selling furniture for gamers

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new range of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers can buy special desks, chairs, sofas and other items to make them more comfortable when they play computer games or online games. There are more than 30 products in IKEA's gaming line. One of the more unusual things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand, to hold your headset. There is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep them warm. IKEA said it spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help in making sure it created the right products. To do this, it teamed up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.

IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a "natural step" for the company. It wanted to attract millions of gamers around the world to its stores and website. The company said it has created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and affordable products and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to make products that also appealed to female gamers, saying: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first step on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and taste."

Sources: <https://www.gamespot.com/articles/ikea-announces-huge-lineup-of-gaming-furniture-including-a-big-wooden-hand/1100-6487519/>
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WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

furniture / products / gaming / desks / comfortable / wooden hand / pillow / laptop / natural / website / beautiful / affordable / female / globe / diverse / journey / solution

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

3. GAMING: Students A **strongly** believe gaming is good for us; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GAMING FURNITURE: What kind of furniture is best for gaming? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Is Best?	Why?
Sofas		
Desks		
Chairs		
Tables		
TV stands		
Accessories		

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

6. GAMES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best games at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Action games
- Role-playing games
- Strategy games
- Driving games
- Puzzle games
- Art games
- Shooting Games
- Sports games

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. range | a. A rectangular cloth bag stuffed with feathers, foam rubber, or other soft materials, you put your head on when sleeping or lying down. |
| 2. product | b. Got together with others to work together. |
| 3. line | c. A set of different things of the same general type. |
| 4. accessory | d. Something that is made for sale. |
| 5. pillow | e. A thing which can be added to something else in order to make it more useful or attractive. |
| 6. expert | f. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 7. teamed up | g. Different things of the same type sold by a shop or company. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. step | h. Very different. |
| 9. attract | i. A way of answering a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. |
| 10. relevant | j. Reasonably priced. |
| 11. affordable | k. A stage in a gradual process. |
| 12. solution | l. A person's likelihood to like and dislike certain things. |
| 13. diverse | m. Cause someone to have a liking for or interest in something or someone. |
| 14. taste | n. Appropriate to or good for the current time, period, or situation. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

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

- a. IKEA will release new gaming furniture next year. **T / F**
- b. The furniture will stop gamers from getting too comfortable in sofas. **T / F**
- c. IKEA made a wooden hand that will hold headsets. **T / F**
- d. IKEA worked with a gaming laptop maker to develop its new furniture. **T / F**
- e. The article says IKEA wants to attract a billion gamers to its stores. **T / F**
- f. IKEA wants to appeal to female gamers. **T / F**
- g. IKEA said 46 per cent of gamers are women. **T / F**
- h. IKEA wants to make furniture to reflect people's taste. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. maker | a. inexpensive |
| 2. items | b. exact |
| 3. unusual | c. act |
| 4. right | d. things |
| 5. teamed up | e. show |
| 6. step | f. manufacturer |
| 7. affordable | g. total |
| 8. appealed to | h. uncommon |
| 9. complete | i. attracted |
| 10. reflect | j. collaborated |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. IKEA has released its new range | a. to female gamers |
| 2. chairs, sofas and | b. and taste |
| 3. One of the more | c. help |
| 4. It got expert | d. products |
| 5. it teamed up with the gaming | e. of products |
| 6. It wanted to attract millions | f. unusual things |
| 7. products that also appealed | g. our gaming journey |
| 8. Now we take the first step on | h. laptop maker |
| 9. high-performing gaming | i. of gamers |
| 10. reflect people's personalities | j. other items |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new (1) _____ of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers can buy special desks, chairs, (2) _____ and other items to make them more comfortable when they play computer games or (3) _____ games. There are more than 30 products in IKEA's gaming line. One of the more (4) _____ things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand, to (5) _____ your headset. There is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep them (6) _____. IKEA said it spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help in making sure it created the (7) _____ products. To do this, it (8) _____ up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.

warm
unusual
teamed
range
sofas
right
hold
online

IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a (9) _____ step" for the company. It wanted to (10) _____ millions of gamers around the world to its (11) _____ and website. The company said it has created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and (12) _____ products and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to make products that also (13) _____ to female gamers, saying: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very (14) _____...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first step on our gaming (15) _____, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and (16) _____."

stores
appealed
natural
taste
affordable
journey
attract
diverse

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

- 1) The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new _____
 - a. ranch of products
 - b. rage of products
 - c. range of products
 - d. derange of products
- 2) Now gamers can buy special desks, chairs, sofas _____
 - a. and other item
 - b. and other items
 - c. and another items
 - d. and others items
- 3) There are more than 30 products in _____
 - a. IKEA's gaming line
 - b. IKEA's gaming lint
 - c. IKEA's gaming link
 - d. IKEA's gaming limb
- 4) One of the more unusual things is an accessory that is like a _____
 - a. big wood in hand
 - b. big wood den hand
 - c. big wooden hand
 - d. big woody hand
- 5) To do this, it teamed up with the gaming _____
 - a. laptop maker
 - b. laptop marker
 - c. laptop masker
 - d. laptop make car
- 6) IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a "natural step" _____
 - a. for the company
 - b. form the company
 - c. further company
 - d. four the company
- 7) It wanted to attract millions of gamers around the world _____
 - a. twits' stores
 - b. twit stores
 - c. to its stores
 - d. too wits stores
- 8) functional, beautiful, and affordable products and complete _____
 - a. game in solutions
 - b. gammy solutions
 - c. gay Ming solutions
 - d. gaming solutions
- 9) The needs of billions of gamers around the globe _____
 - a. aren't very diverse
 - b. are very die verse
 - c. are very dye verse
 - d. are very diverse
- 10) complete solutions that we hope reflect people's _____
 - a. personal ties and taste
 - b. personality is and taste
 - c. person abilities and taste
 - d. personalities and taste

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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IKEA said making furniture for gamers was (7) _____ for the company. It wanted (8) _____ of gamers around the world to its stores and website. The company said it has created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, (9) _____ and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to make products that also appealed to female gamers, saying: "The (10) _____ of gamers around the globe are very diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first step on (11) _____, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we (12) _____ personalities and taste."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

1. What does IKEA want gamers to feel when they use the gaming sofas?
2. How many products are in IKEA's gaming line?
3. What accessory did IKEA make that can hold a headset?
4. What does a special pillow allow you to do to your hands?
5. What is the Republic of Gamers?
6. How many gamers does IKEA want to attract to its stores?
7. What kind of gamers does IKEA want to appeal to?
8. What percentage of gamers are women?
9. What is IKEA taking a first step on?
10. What does IKEA hope its products will reflect?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

- 1) What does IKEA want gamers to feel when they use the gaming sofas?
 - a) comfortable
 - b) competitive
 - c) sleepy
 - d) alive
- 2) How many products are in IKEA's gaming line?
 - a) exactly 30
 - b) fewer than 30
 - c) more than 30
 - d) around 30
- 3) What accessory did IKEA make that can hold a headset?
 - a) a giant USB statue
 - b) a big wooden hand
 - c) a coat hanger
 - d) a chair
- 4) What does a special pillow allow you to do to your hands?
 - a) shake your fists
 - b) massage them
 - c) control the joystick
 - d) keep them warm
- 5) What is the Republic of Gamers?
 - a) a gaming laptop maker
 - b) a country
 - c) a website
 - d) a game
- 6) How many gamers does IKEA want to attract to its stores?
 - a) tens of millions
 - b) billions
 - c) hundreds of thousands
 - d) millions
- 7) What kind of gamers does IKEA want to appeal to?
 - a) teenagers
 - b) women
 - c) old people
 - d) business people
- 8) What percentage of gamers are women?
 - a) 48%
 - b) 45%
 - c) 42%
 - d) 46%
- 9) What is IKEA taking a first step on?
 - a) a new chapter
 - b) success
 - c) its gaming journey
 - d) a game
- 10) What does IKEA hope its products will reflect?
 - a) a mirror
 - b) people's personalities and taste
 - c) the 21st century
 - d) life

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Action Games

You think action games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): driving games, shooting games or sports games.

Role B – Driving Games

You think driving games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): action games, shooting games or sports games.

Role C – Shooting Games

You think shooting games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): driving games, action games or sports games.

Role D – Sports Games

You think sports games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): driving games, shooting games or action games.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

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

gaming	furniture
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- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• range• comfortable• 30• wooden• warm• teamed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• natural• attract• added• needs• journey• taste
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FURNITURE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about furniture 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.

FURNITURE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'furniture'?
3. What do you think of furniture?
4. What do you think of gaming furniture?
5. What is your favourite item of furniture?
6. How important is it to have special furniture for gaming?
7. What item of furniture would you really like to buy?
8. What do you think of the hand-warming pillow?
9. What do you know about IKEA?
10. What kind of desk do you use?

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FURNITURE DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'gaming'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of gaming?
15. What are your favourite games?
16. Why might female gamers need different furniture?
17. What furniture reflects your personality?
18. How would you describe your taste in furniture?
19. How might IKEA's furniture affect gaming ability?
20. What questions would you like to ask the IKEA designers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) strange | (b) arrange | (c) derange | (d) range |
| 2. | (a) the others | (b) another | (c) others | (d) other |
| 3. | (a) produces | (b) products | (c) produce | (d) productive |
| 4. | (a) unusually | (b) usually | (c) unusual | (d) use |
| 5. | (a) what | (b) that | (c) where | (d) which |
| 6. | (a) this | (b) which | (c) them | (d) us |
| 7. | (a) construct | (b) attract | (c) erect | (d) destruct |
| 8. | (a) affordable | (b) afford | (c) affords | (d) affording |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) on | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) as | (c) of | (d) by |
| 11. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) on | (d) however |
| 12. | (a) tasteful | (b) tasty | (c) tasted | (d) taste |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. released its new narge of products
2. make them more mrfotcbaole
3. an sceasocry that is like a big wooden hand
4. a special illpow
5. gsidnieng the furniture
6. It got xepert help

Paragraph 2

7. ttraact millions of gamers
8. evelarnt, functional, beautiful
9. complete gaming tlusioons
10. pealaped to female gamers
11. very evirdse
12. frelect people's personalities

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () them warm. IKEA said it spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help in making
- () line. One of the more unusual things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand, to hold your
- () can buy special desks, chairs, sofas and other items to make them more comfortable when they
- () millions of gamers around the world to its stores and website. The company said it has created, "relevant,
- () IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a "natural step" for the company. It wanted to attract
- () play computer games or online games. There are more than 30 products in IKEA's gaming
- () products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and taste."
- () sure it created the right products. To do this, it teamed up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.
- (**1**) The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new range of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers
- () make products that also appealed to female gamers, saying: "The needs of billions of gamers around the
- () functional, beautiful, and affordable products and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to
- () step on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming
- () globe are very diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first
- () headset. There is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. released range its products . new IKEA of has
2. games . more play comfortable Make them when they
3. An like that a wooden hand . is accessory
4. pillow a is special with pockets . There also
5. gaming laptop It the with teamed up maker .
6. furniture for gamers Making a was natural step .
7. millions gamers Attract around from of the world .
8. also that Make appealed products female to gamers .
9. gamers Billions the around of globe are diverse .
10. that we hope Solutions people's reflect personalities .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new *ranger / range* of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers can buy *special / specially* desks, chairs, sofas and other *items / itemise* to make them more comfortable when they play computer games or online games. There are more than 30 *produce / products* in IKEA's gaming line. One of the more *unusually / unusual* things is an accessory that is *like / liken* a big wooden hand, to hold your headset. There is also a special pillow with *packets / pockets* where you can put your hands to keep them warm. IKEA said it *spent / spend* many years on designing the furniture. It got *expat / expert* help in making sure it created the right products. To do this, it teamed *up / on* with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.

IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a "natural step" for the company. It wanted to *attractive / attract* millions of gamers around the world to its *stores / shores* and website. The company said it has *creative / created*, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and *afforded / affordable* products and complete gaming *solutions / solves*". It added that it wanted to make products that also appealed to female gamers, saying: "The *necessary / needs* of billions of gamers around the *glove / globe* are very diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first *step / steep* on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting *afford / affordable*, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and *tasty / taste*."

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)

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Th_ Sw_d_sh f_rn_t_r_ m_k_r _K__ h_s r_l__s_d _ts
n_w r_ng_ _f pr_d_cts - g_m_ng f_rn_t_r_. N_w
g_m_rs c_n b_y sp_c__l d_sks, ch__rs, s_f_s _nd _th_r
_t_ms t_ m_k_ th_m m_r_ c_mf_rt_bl_ wh_n th_y pl_y
c_mpl_t_r g_m_s _r _nl_n_ g_m_s. Th_r_ _r_ m_r_ th_n
30 pr_d_cts _n _K__'s g_m_ng l_n_. _n_ _f th_ m_r_
_n_s__l th_ngs _s _n _cc_ss_ry th_t _s l_k_ _ b_g
w__d_n h_nd, t_ h_ld y__r h__ds_t. Th_r_ _s _ls_ _
sp_c__l p_ll_w w_th p_ck_ts wh_r_ y__ c_n p_t y__r
h_nds t_ k__p th_m w_rm. _K__ s__d _t sp_nt m_ny
y__rs _n d_s_gn_ng th_ f_rn_t_r_. _t g_t _xp_rt h_lp
_n m_k_ng s_r_ _t cr__t_d th_ r_gh_t pr_d_cts. T_ d_
th_s, _t t__m_d _p w_th th_ g_m_ng l_pt_p m_k_r
R_p_bl_c _f G_m_rs.

_K__ s__d m_k_ng f_rn_t_r_ f_r g_m_rs w_s _ "n_t_r_l
st_p" f_r th_ c_mpn_y. _t w_nt_d t_ _ttr_ct m_ll__ns
_f g_m_rs _r__nd th_ w_rld t_ _ts st_r_s _nd
w_bs_t_. Th_ c_mpn_y s__d _t h_s cr__t_d, "r_l_v_nt,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210217-gaming-furniture.html>

the swedish furniture maker ikea has released its new range of products gaming furniture now gamers can buy special desks chairs sofas and other items to make them more comfortable when they play computer games or online games there are more than 30 products in ikeas gaming line one of the more unusual things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand to hold your headset there is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep them warm ikea said it spent many years on designing the furniture it got expert help in making sure it created the right products to do this it teamed up with the gaming laptop maker republic of gamers

ikea said making furniture for gamers was a natural step for the company it wanted to attract millions of gamers around the world to its stores and website the company said it has created relevant functional beautiful and affordable products and complete gaming solutions it added that it wanted to make products that also appealed to female gamers saying the needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very diverse 46% of gamers are women it said now we take the first step on our gaming journey and we do it by presenting affordable highperforming gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect peoples personalities and taste

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new range of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers can buy special desks, chairs, sofas and other items to make gamers more comfortable when they play computer games or online games. There are more than 30 products in IKEA's gaming line. One of the more unusual things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand, to hold your headset. There is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep them warm. IKEA said it spent many years designing the furniture. It got expert help in making sure it created the right products. To do this, it teamed up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers. IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a "natural step" for the company. It wanted to attract millions of gamers around the world to its stores and website. The company said it has created "relevant, functional, beautiful, and affordable products and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to make products that also appealed to female gamers, saying: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very diverse... 46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first step on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and taste."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FURNITURE: Make a poster about furniture. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ENGLISH STUDY FURNITURE: Write a magazine article about designing furniture for learning English. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on furniture. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make furniture better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. h	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Be comfortable
2. More than 30
3. A big wooden hand
4. Keep them warm
5. A gaming laptop maker
6. Millions
7. Women
8. 46%
9. Its gaming journey
10. People's personalities and taste

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. IKEA has released its new range of products.
2. Make them more comfortable when they play games.
3. An accessory that is like a wooden hand.
4. There is also a special pillow with pockets.
5. It teamed up with the gaming laptop maker.
6. Making furniture for gamers was a natural step.
7. Attract millions of gamers from around the world.
8. Make products that also appealed to female gamers.
9. Billions of gamers around the globe are diverse.
10. Solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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