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## **Level 1**

### **Microsoft blames U.S. spy agency for WannaCry**

**18th May, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-1.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-1.html>

Microsoft is angry with America's National Security Agency (NSA). It said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack was because the NSA stores cyber-weapons. Ransomware is software that blocks computers until the owner pays money to hackers. The NSA helps keep America's communications and information systems safe. It also stops cyber-attacks. However, experts say the WannaCry hackers used spying tools from the NSA.

Microsoft said governments must wake up to the problem of cyber-weapons. Stealing them is as dangerous as stealing missiles. Microsoft said the WannaCry attack shows why keeping cyber-weapons is a problem. Europe's police said WannaCry harmed 200,000 computers in 150 countries. It made many problems for Britain's hospitals. Many operations were cancelled. Experts told people to back up their files because more attacks could come.

Sources: <http://www.investors.com/news/technology/microsoft-lashes-out-over-wannacry-hacks-is-apple-next/>  
<http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-europe-computer-virus-20170514-story.html>  
<https://www.theverge.com/2017/5/15/15639890/microsoft-wannacry-security-vulnerabilities-ransomware>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Microsoft is angry with America's | a. hackers                  |
| 2. the NSA stores                    | b. computers                |
| 3. software that blocks              | c. tools                    |
| 4. until the owner pays              | d. attacks                  |
| 5. communications and information    | e. National Security Agency |
| 6. It also stops cyber-              | f. money to hackers         |
| 7. the WannaCry                      | g. systems                  |
| 8. spying                            | h. cyber-weapons            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Microsoft said governments must | a. why                  |
| 2. the problem                     | b. as stealing missiles |
| 3. as dangerous                    | c. cancelled            |
| 4. the WannaCry attack shows       | d. 200,000 computers    |
| 5. keeping cyber-weapons           | e. wake up              |
| 6. WannaCry harmed                 | f. up their files       |
| 7. Many operations were            | g. of cyber-weapons     |
| 8. Experts told people to back     | h. is a problem         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Microsoft (1) \_\_\_\_\_ America's National Security Agency (NSA). It said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack was because (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cyber-weapons. Ransomware (3) \_\_\_\_\_ blocks computers until the owner pays money to hackers. The NSA helps keep America's communications (4) \_\_\_\_\_ systems safe. It also stops cyber-attacks. However, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ WannaCry hackers used (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from the NSA.

Microsoft said governments (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of cyber-weapons. Stealing (8) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous as stealing missiles. Microsoft said the WannaCry (9) \_\_\_\_\_ keeping cyber-weapons is a problem. Europe's police said WannaCry (10) \_\_\_\_\_ computers (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It made many problems for Britain's hospitals. Many operations were cancelled. Experts told people to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ files because more attacks could come.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RANSOMWARE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ransomware 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) \_\_\_\_\_

