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Europe needs to support technology more

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THE READING

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The CEO of Google Larry Page has told European leaders they need to be more like Silicon Valley. He said Europe does not support technology companies enough. Many of the world's largest tech companies have their headquarters in Silicon Valley. Mr Page said Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies because it is easy to do business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper that it was easy to invest in science in Silicon Valley, and to make money by starting new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing in big ideas.

Mr Page said he had \$62 billion to invest in new ideas. He wants to use the money to help societies in Europe. He said he was thinking about how to use the money to have a more positive impact on the world. Page is not the first business leader to tell Europe it is too slow to invest in technology. Experts say European schools should teach technology more. He said in Silicon Valley kids have better tech skills. Many top teachers think there should be a much bigger focus on technology in schools. Some think elementary schools should have coding classes for children.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/google/11202850/Google-boss-Larry-Page-Europe-needs-to-be-more-like-Silicon-Valley-and-support-technology.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The CEO | a. for technology companies |
| 2. European | b. in big ideas |
| 3. Many of the world's largest | c. business there |
| 4. a great place | d. leaders |
| 5. it is easy to do | e. in science |
| 6. invest | f. of Google |
| 7. make | g. tech companies |
| 8. start investing | h. money |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. he had \$62 | a. the money |
| 2. new | b. in technology |
| 3. He wants to use | c. societies in Europe |
| 4. help | d. classes |
| 5. have a more positive | e. billion to invest |
| 6. too slow to invest | f. tech skills |
| 7. have better | g. ideas |
| 8. coding | h. impact on the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Page said he had (7) _____ in new ideas. He wants to use the money (8) _____ Europe. He said he was thinking about how to use the money to have a more (9) _____ world. Page is not the first business leader to tell Europe it is (10) _____ in technology. Experts say European schools should teach technology more. He said in Silicon Valley kids have (11) _____. Many top teachers think there should be a much bigger focus on technology in schools. Some think (12) _____ should have coding classes for children.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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f)

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