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**Level 1** – 25th April, 2020

## **New Netflix subscribers surge during pandemic**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-1.html>

The number of new Netflix subscribers doubled in the past three months. Netflix makes and streams movies and TV shows. It said 15.77 million new subscribers signed up this year. This is because of the coronavirus pandemic. Millions of people are staying at home watching films and shows. Netflix is now one of the world's most valuable companies. It is worth more than the oil company ExxonMobil. Its value is around \$196 billion.

Netflix said the rise in membership was probably temporary and would go down after lockdowns end. It said: "We expect viewing to decline and membership growth to [slow down]." It added: "The coronavirus has reached every corner of the world and...no one knows how or when this terrible crisis will end....We are fortunate to have a service that is even more meaningful to people confined at home." Netflix will produce more new shows in the future.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/apr/21/netflix-new-subscribers-covid-19-lockdown>  
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/netflix-gains-158-million-customers-amid-coronavirus-lockdowns-a4420526.html>  
<https://www.ft.com/content/f9bf15cd-12fe-4b99-9640-4ff94c1af905>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. doubled in the                | a. pandemic           |
| 2. Netflix makes and streams     | b. valuable companies |
| 3. because of the coronavirus    | c. watching films     |
| 4. Millions of                   | d. company            |
| 5. staying at home               | e. movies             |
| 6. one of the world's most       | f. people             |
| 7. It is worth more than the oil | g. \$196 billion      |
| 8. Its value is around           | h. past three months  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the rise in               | a. crisis will end |
| 2. go down after lockdowns   | b. the future      |
| 3. We expect viewing         | c. of the world    |
| 4. reached every corner      | d. at home         |
| 5. how or when this terrible | e. end             |
| 6. people confined           | f. membership      |
| 7. Netflix will produce      | g. to decline      |
| 8. new shows in              | h. more            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Netflix said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ membership was probably temporary and would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ lockdowns end. It said: "We expect viewing (9) \_\_\_\_\_ membership growth to [slow down]." It added: "The coronavirus has reached (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the world and...no one knows how or when this terrible (11) \_\_\_\_\_....We are fortunate to have a service that is even more meaningful to people confined at home." Netflix will produce (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NETFLIX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-4.html>

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

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200425-netflix-1.html>

Write about **Netflix** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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