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Company makes smartphone you can repair yourself

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many people feel helpless when their smartphone breaks. Phone makers try to stop consumers from repairing phones themselves. A new company called Fairphone has made a self-repairable mobile phone. It is "the world's first ethical smartphone". It has four basic aims. These are to use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas; and to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable.

The Fairphone website outlines the company's philosophy. It wants to get "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics". It wants better conditions for tech company workers. It also wants the electronics industry to reduce its waste and greenhouse gas emissions. The plastic used in the Fairphone is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically sourced.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Many people feel | a. materials |
| 2. stop consumers from | b. recyclable |
| 3. the world's first ethical | c. helpless |
| 4. It has four basic | d. and repairable |
| 5. raw | e. aims |
| 6. non-conflict | f. repairing phones |
| 7. make a product that was | g. mining areas |
| 8. durable | h. smartphone |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. outlines the company's | a. to reduce its waste |
| 2. get a massive industry to | b. market |
| 3. its impact | c. sourced |
| 4. establishing a viable | d. philosophy |
| 5. better conditions for tech | e. on the world |
| 6. It also wants the electronics industry | f. emissions |
| 7. greenhouse gas | g. company workers |
| 8. the minerals are ethically | h. take responsibility |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people (1) _____ their smartphone breaks. Phone makers try to (2) _____ repairing phones themselves.

A (3) _____ Fairphone has made a self-repairable mobile phone. It is "the world's first ethical smartphone". It has (4) _____. These are to use raw materials from non-(5) _____; and to make a product that was recyclable, (6) _____.

The Fairphone website (7) _____ philosophy. It wants to get "a massive industry to take responsibility for (8) _____ the world, by establishing a viable market (9) _____". It wants better conditions for tech company workers. It also wants the electronics industry to (10) _____ and greenhouse gas emissions. The (11) _____ the Fairphone is 40-per-cent recycled, and the (12) _____ sourced.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMARTPHONE REPAIRS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smartphone repairs 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) _____

