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### Level 2 Europe needs to support technology more

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### THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley-2.html

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-needsto-be-more-like-Silicon-Valley-and-support-technology.html http://www.**v3.co.uk**/v3-uk/news/2378988/google-chief-slams-european-governments-poortechnology-investment http://www.**modernreaders**.com/google-ceo-tells-european-govs-follow-silicon-valleysexample/13022/ed-jones

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

The CEO 1. 2 European 3. Many of the world's largest 4. a great place 5. it is easy to do 6. invest 7. make 8. start investing

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1. he had \$62 a. 2 b. new 3. He wants to use c. 4. help d. 5. have a more positive e. 6. too slow to invest f. 7. have better g. 8. coding h.

- a. for technology companies
- b. in big ideas
- c. business there
- d. leaders
- e. in science
- f. of Google
- g. tech companies

the money

classes

tech skills

ideas

in technology

societies in Europe

billion to invest

impact on the world

h. money

### LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The CEO of Google Larry Page (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ leaders they need (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Silicon Valley. He said Europe does not support technology companies enough. Many of the world's largest tech companies (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Silicon Valley. Mr Page said Silicon Valley (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ technology companies because it is easy to do business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper that (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in science in Silicon Valley, and to make money by starting new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ investing in big ideas.

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).

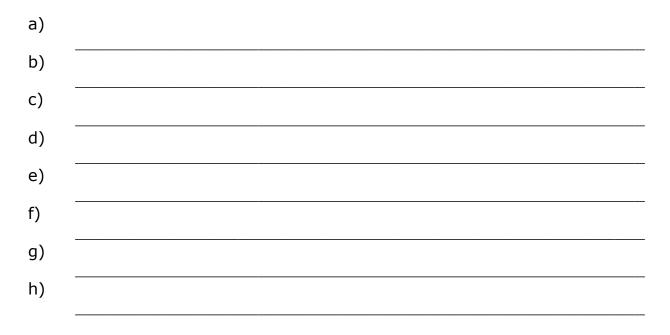
a)		
b)		
c)	 	
d)		
e)		
f)		
g)		
h)		

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### WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



### WRITING

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Write about **technology companies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

