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Level 0

Xiaomi becomes third-largest smartphone maker

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141231-smartphones-0.html>

A Chinese company is now the world's third-largest smartphone maker. The company is called Xiaomi Inc. It is worth \$45 billion. That is more than LG, Motorola and Sony put together. Xiaomi's sales went up by 211 per cent last year. Its market share also went up from 2 per cent to 5 per cent. This will continue.

Xiaomi sells phones for what they cost to make. It makes profit from apps and software. It has competitions for fans to win prizes. It is very popular. Xiaomi wants to make new, high-quality devices. Not everyone likes Xiaomi. Apple said Xiaomi stole the design of its iPhone and other ideas.

Sources: <http://money.cnn.com/2014/12/29/technology/mobile/xiaomi-smartphone/index.html?sr=fb122914xiaomi1230pVODtopLink>
<http://www.cnet.com/news/chinese-smartphone-start-up-xiaomi-raises-1-1b-for-45b-value/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A Chinese | a. from 2 per cent |
| 2. the world's third- | b. went up by 211 per cent |
| 3. It is worth | c. put together |
| 4. more than LG, Motorola and Sony | d. company |
| 5. Xiaomi's sales | e. continue |
| 6. market | f. \$45 billion |
| 7. went up | g. largest |
| 8. This will | h. share |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Xiaomi sells | a. quality devices |
| 2. It makes profit | b. for fans |
| 3. It has competitions | c. likes Xiaomi |
| 4. win | d. from apps |
| 5. It is very | e. of its iPhone |
| 6. high- | f. phones |
| 7. Not everyone | g. prizes |
| 8. the design | h. popular |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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) _____

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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) _____

