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Microsoft could buy TikTok next month

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THE ARTICLE

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The on-off talks between Microsoft and the parent company of TikTok are back on again. Microsoft has been interested in buying part of TikTok for many months. The tech giant has been in talks with the parent company ByteDance Ltd. Discussions between the two companies came to a halt last week when US President Donald Trump suggested that he might ban TikTok from the USA. He was worried that the personal details of over 100 million Americans could get into the wrong hands. President Trump changed his mind at the weekend after the CEO of Microsoft phoned him. Microsoft said it "would ensure that all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and remains in the United States."

TikTok is the latest social media platform to become hugely popular around the globe. Users upload very short videos of themselves lip-syncing to well-known songs, dancing, making funny faces or doing other humorous things. TikTok's owner ByteDance is a Beijing-based Internet company founded in 2012 by Chinese entrepreneur Zhang Yiming. It now has over 800 million users worldwide. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion for the operations in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. However the business website Bloomberg disagrees with that valuation. It said: "The idea that TikTok - without the UK, India or dozens of other emerging markets - is worth \$50 billion today is fanciful."

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WARM-UPS

1. TIKTOK: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about TikTok. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

on-off / talks / part / TikTok / discussions / ban / personal / details / hands / data / social media / popular / globe / lip-syncing / humorous / worldwide / valuation

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA: Students A **strongly** believe social media is good for humankind; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TECH GIANTS: What do you know about these tech giants? What new product should they create? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	New Products
Microsoft		
Apple		
Huawei		
Alphabet Inc.		
Amazon		
Sony		

5. TECH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tech". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. APPS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best apps at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- TikTok
- Instagram
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Facebook
- Messenger
- Zoom
- Aarogya Setu

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------|---|
| 1. talks | a. Formal discussions. |
| 2. giant | b. The part of a person that makes them think and feel. |
| 3. halt | c. A very large company or organization. |
| 4. ban | d. Facts; pieces of information. |
| 5. details | e. An end; a sudden stop. |
| 6. mind | f. Officially stop someone from doing something. |
| 7. remains | g. Stays. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. hugely | h. A person who takes personal risks to start businesses. |
| 9. globe | i. Funny. |
| 10. lip-syncing | j. Very much; to a great extent. |
| 11. humorous | k. An estimation of something's worth. |
| 12. entrepreneur | l. The world. |
| 13. valuation | m. Becoming more important. |
| 14. emerging | n. Move the mouth silently in time with a song. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said up-down talks between Microsoft and TikTok are off. **T / F**
- b. Microsoft has wanted to buy TikTok for many years. **T / F**
- c. The US President is worried about the data of 100 million Americans. **T / F**
- d. Microsoft would keep the data of US users in the USA. **T / F**
- e. TikTok allows users to lip-sync to songs and upload the video. **T / F**
- f. The owner of TikTok is a company that started over a decade ago. **T / F**
- g. Microsoft has offered \$50 million for TikTok. **T / F**
- h. The website Bloomberg said TikTok is worth what Microsoft is offering. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. talks | a. prohibit |
| 2. halt | b. up-an-coming |
| 3. ban | c. stays |
| 4. data | d. world |
| 5. remains | e. stop |
| 6. hugely | f. discussions |
| 7. globe | g. price |
| 8. operations | h. enormously |
| 9. valuation | i. information |
| 10. emerging | j. business |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. The on- | a. the wrong hands |
| 2. parent | b. a halt |
| 3. came to | c. markets |
| 4. could get into | d. in the United States |
| 5. transferred to and remains | e. funny faces |
| 6. become hugely | f. off talks |
| 7. lip-syncing | g. popular |
| 8. making | h. for the operations |
| 9. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion | i. company |
| 10. emerging | j. to well-known songs |

GAP FILL

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The (1) _____ talks between Microsoft and the parent company of TikTok are back on again. Microsoft has been interested in buying (2) _____ of TikTok for many months. The tech giant has been in talks with the (3) _____ company ByteDance Ltd. Discussions between the two companies came to a (4) _____ last week when US President Donald Trump suggested that he might ban TikTok from the USA. He was worried that the personal (5) _____ of over 100 million Americans could get into the wrong (6) _____. President Trump changed his (7) _____ at the weekend after the CEO of Microsoft phoned him. Microsoft said it "would ensure that all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and (8) _____ in the United States."

parent
hands
part
mind
halt
remains
on-off
details

TikTok is the (9) _____ social media platform to become hugely popular around the (10) _____. Users upload very short videos of themselves (11) _____ to well-known songs, dancing, making funny faces or doing other (12) _____ things. TikTok's owner ByteDance is a Beijing-based Internet company founded in 2012 by Chinese entrepreneur Zhang Yiming. It now has over 800 million users (13) _____. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion for the (14) _____ in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. However the business website Bloomberg disagrees with that (15) _____. It said: "The idea that TikTok - without the UK, India or dozens of other emerging markets - is (16) _____ \$50 billion today is fanciful."

humorous
latest
operations
lip-syncing
worth
worldwide
globe
valuation

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

- 1) The on-off talks between Microsoft and the _____ TikTok
 - a. patent company of
 - b. parental company of
 - c. pure rent company of
 - d. parent company of
- 2) Microsoft has been interested in buying _____
 - a. party of TikTok
 - b. partner of TikTok
 - c. partition of TikTok
 - d. part of TikTok
- 3) Discussions between the two companies came to a _____
 - a. hold last week
 - b. shalt last week
 - c. should last week
 - d. halt last week
- 4) the personal details of over 100 million Americans could get into _____
 - a. the wronged bands
 - b. the wrong hands
 - c. the wrongly lands
 - d. the wring sands
- 5) all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and _____ United States
 - a. remain in the
 - b. rim mains in the
 - c. ream aims in the
 - d. rim manes in the
- 6) TikTok is the latest social media platform to become hugely popular _____
 - a. around the cube
 - b. around the strobe
 - c. around the globe
 - d. around the lobe
- 7) Users upload very short videos of _____
 - a. themselves lip-sync in
 - b. themselves lip-syncing
 - c. themselves lip-stinking
 - d. themselves lip-sync sing
- 8) well-known songs, dancing, making funny faces or doing _____
 - a. other humorous things
 - b. other humorous thing
 - c. other humorous thingies
 - d. other humorous thinks
- 9) Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion for the _____ US
 - a. operates in the
 - b. operations in the
 - c. op rations in the
 - d. opera shuns in the
- 10) The idea that TikTok - without the UK, India or dozens of _____
 - a. other re-emerging markets
 - b. other emerge in markets
 - c. other e-merging markets
 - d. other emerging markets

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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TikTok is (7) _____ media platform to become hugely popular around the globe. Users (8) _____ videos of themselves lip-syncing to well-known songs, dancing, making funny faces or doing (9) _____. TikTok's owner ByteDance is a Beijing-based Internet company founded in 2012 by Chinese entrepreneur Zhang Yiming. It now has over 800 (10) _____. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion for (11) _____ the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. However the business website Bloomberg disagrees with that valuation. It said: "The idea that TikTok - without the UK, India or (12) _____ emerging markets - is worth \$50 billion today is fanciful."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

1. What kind of talks did the article say were back on again?
2. How is ByteDance Ltd. related to TikTok?
3. Where was President Trump worried personal data might end up in?
4. Who telephoned President Trump at the weekend?
5. Where did Microsoft promise to keep the data of all US TikTok users?
6. How popular did the article say TikTok was?
7. What do TikTok users do to popular songs?
8. When was TikTok's parent company founded?
9. How much is Microsoft offering TikTok's parent company?
10. What kinds of markets are not part of the Microsoft-TikTok deal?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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- 1) What kind of talks did the article say were back on again?
 - a) tough talks
 - b) on-off talks
 - c) never-ending talks
 - d) happy talks
- 2) How is ByteDance Ltd. related to TikTok?
 - a) they are huge rivals
 - b) they are brother and sister
 - c) TikTok is the parent company
 - d) ByteDance Ltd. is the parent company
- 3) Where was President Trump worried personal data might end up in?
 - a) the cloud
 - b) a data dump
 - c) the wrong hands
 - d) books
- 4) Who telephoned President Trump at the weekend?
 - a) the Microsoft CEO
 - b) the TikTok CEO
 - c) Melania
 - d) the ByteDance Ltd. CEO
- 5) Where did Microsoft promise to keep the data of all US TikTok users?
 - a) in the cloud
 - b) in the US
 - c) on a disk
 - d) in China
- 6) How popular did the article say TikTok was?
 - a) hugely popular
 - b) extremely popular
 - c) a bit popular
 - d) not at all popular
- 7) What do TikTok users do to popular songs?
 - a) rate them
 - b) rewrite the lyrics
 - c) lip-sync
 - d) dance
- 8) When was TikTok's parent company founded?
 - a) 2012
 - b) 2010
 - c) 2015
 - d) 2018
- 9) How much is Microsoft offering TikTok's parent company?
 - a) \$15 million
 - b) \$50 million
 - c) \$15 billion
 - d) \$50 billion
- 10) What kinds of markets are not part of the Microsoft-TikTok deal?
 - a) fruit markets
 - b) stock markets
 - c) emerging markets
 - d) night markets

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – TikTok

You think TikTok is the best app. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their apps. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): YouTube, Zoom or Twitter.

Role B – YouTube

You think YouTube is the best app. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their apps. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): TikTok, Zoom or Twitter.

Role C – Zoom

You think Zoom is the best app. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their apps. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): YouTube, TikTok or Twitter.

Role D – Twitter

You think Twitter is the best app. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their apps. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): YouTube, Zoom or TikTok.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'video' and 'platform'.

video	platform
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parent• giant• halt• ban• mind• data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• latest• lip• based• 800• business• worth
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TIKTOK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about TikTok 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.

TIKTOK DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'video'?
3. What do you know about TikTok?
4. What do you know about Microsoft?
5. Why does Microsoft want to buy TikTok?
6. What do you think people will say in talks between the two companies?
7. Why is Donald Trump worried about TikTok?
8. Are you worried about your personal data online?
9. How often do you change your mind?
10. What do you think of the name 'TikTok'?

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TIKTOK DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'social media'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What social media platforms do you like and dislike?
15. Why do people like uploading videos of themselves online?
16. What do you think of lip-syncing?
17. What advice do you have for the TikTok bosses?
18. What are the good and bad things about social media?
19. What humorous things do you like?
20. What questions would you like to ask the CEO of Microsoft?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) next | (b) inside | (c) among | (d) between |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) on | (d) in |
| 3. | (a) bolt | (b) halt | (c) salt | (d) fault |
| 4. | (a) strange | (b) range | (c) wrong | (d) mistook |
| 5. | (a) brain | (b) conscious | (c) mind | (d) being |
| 6. | (a) remains | (b) stay | (c) exists | (d) keeps |
| 7. | (a) stage | (b) platform | (c) soapbox | (d) podium |
| 8. | (a) humorous | (b) humourless | (c) hummus | (d) hums |
| 9. | (a) basted | (b) based | (c) biased | (d) bass |
| 10. | (a) worldly | (b) worlds | (c) worldwide | (d) worldier |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) with | (c) of | (d) in |
| 12. | (a) worth | (b) worse | (c) verse | (d) forth |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the trnepa company of TikTok
2. The tech intga has been in talks
3. Trump usdtegegs that he might ban TikTok
4. personal ldstaie of over 100 million Americans
5. Microsoft said it would uneser that
6. neasirm in the United States

Paragraph 2

7. become hugely popular around the eogbl
8. making funny faces or doing other mhoosuru things
9. founded in 2012 by a Chinese rnepertruee
10. \$50 billion for the tnporaoise in the US
11. the business website Bloomberg rdeesasgi
12. dozens of other nrigeegm markets

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in buying part of TikTok for many months. The tech giant has been in talks with the parent
- () for the operations in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. However the business website Bloomberg
- () that all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and remains in the United States."
- () that he might ban TikTok from the USA. He was worried that the personal details of over
- () mind at the weekend after the CEO of Microsoft phoned him. Microsoft said it "would ensure
- () of themselves lip-syncing to well-known songs, dancing, making funny faces or doing other humorous
- () or dozens of other emerging markets - is worth \$50 billion today is fanciful.
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- () things. TikTok's owner ByteDance is a Beijing-based Internet company founded in 2012 by
- () TikTok is the latest social media platform to become hugely popular around the globe. Users upload very short videos
- () company ByteDance Ltd. Discussions between the two companies came to a halt last week when US President Donald Trump suggested
- () 100 million Americans could get into the wrong hands. President Trump changed his
- (**1**) The on-off talks between Microsoft and the parent company of TikTok are back on again. Microsoft has been interested
- () Chinese entrepreneur Zhang Yiming. It now has over 800 million users worldwide. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

1. buying been has Microsoft interested in part .
2. came to companies Discussions a the halt . between
3. of personal 100 over The details million Americans .
4. him . of After the Microsoft phoned CEO
5. data is users Private TikTok's of American transferred .
6. social The popular . to latest platform media become
7. videos upload short Users lip-syncing . themselves of very
8. in Beijing-based founded 2012 . A Internet company
9. million It worldwide . over now users has 800
10. website The business with that disagrees valuation .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

The on-off *talks / talk* between Microsoft and the parent company of TikTok are back on again. Microsoft has been *interesting / interested* in buying part of TikTok for *many / much* months. The tech giant has been in talks with the *parent / child* company ByteDance Ltd. Discussions between the two companies came to a *vault / halt* last week when US President Donald Trump suggested that he might ban TikTok from the USA. He was worried that the *personal / personality* details of over 100 million Americans could get into the *wrong / right* hands. President Trump *charged / changed* his mind at the weekend after the CEO of Microsoft *phoned / phone* him. Microsoft said it "would ensure that all private data of TikTok's American users is transferred to and remains *on / in* the United States."

TikTok is the latest social media *inform / platform* to become *huge / hugely* popular around the *globe / global*. Users upload very short videos of themselves lip-syncing to well-known songs, dancing, *make / making* funny faces or doing other humorous *things / thing*. TikTok's owner ByteDance is a Beijing-based Internet company *floundered / founded* in 2012 by Chinese entrepreneur Zhang Yiming. It now has over 800 million *usage / users* worldwide. Microsoft is offering ByteDance \$50 billion for the *operations / surgeries* in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. However the business website Bloomberg disagrees with that *worth / valuation*. It said: "The idea that TikTok - without the UK, India or dozens of other emerging markets - is worth \$50 billion today is *fanciful / fancies*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200805-tiktok.html>

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tiktok is the latest social media platform to become hugely popular around the globe users upload very short videos of themselves lipsyncing to wellknown songs dancing making funny faces or doing other humorous things TikToks owner bytedance is a beijingbased internet company founded in 2012 by chinese entrepreneur zhang yiming it now has over 800 million users worldwide microsoft is offering bytedance 50 billion for the operations in the us canada australia and new zealand however the business website bloomberg disagrees with that valuation it said the idea that tiktok without the uk india or dozens of other emerging markets is worth 50 billion today is fanciful.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TIKTOK: Make a poster about TikTok. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SOCIAL MEDIA: Write a magazine article about putting very strict controls on personal information given to social media sites. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on TikTok. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on sites like TikTok. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. e	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. h	7. d	8. j	9. g	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. On-off talks
2. It is the parent company
3. The wrong hands
4. Microsoft's CEO
5. In the United States
6. Hugely popular
7. Lip-sync
8. 2012
9. \$50 billion
10. Emerging markets

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Microsoft has been interested in buying part.
2. Discussions between the companies came to a halt.
3. The personal details of over 100 million Americans.
4. After the CEO of Microsoft phoned him.
5. Private data of TikTok's American users is transferred.
6. The latest social media platform to become popular.
7. Users upload very short videos of themselves lip-syncing.
8. A Beijing-based Internet company founded in 2012.
9. It now has over 800 million users worldwide.
10. The business website disagrees with that valuation.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)