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Level 4

New printer with enough ink for two years

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THE READING

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Are you tired of paying too much for ink cartridges that finish quickly? Help may be here. The days of using cartridges are over. Epson has just released new printers with enough ink to last two years. Its new EcoTank printers can print 6,500 colour pages or 4,000 in black. A family usually prints 200 pages a month. With the new printer, people just pour new ink into the tank. This will save people around 65 per cent on printing costs.

The profits of printer companies are falling. People are printing less and sharing more on social media. People are unhappy with printer makers. Their business model uses the idea of "planned obsolescence". Companies put as little ink as possible into the cartridge to make consumers buy more cartridges. Some cartridges stop printing after a set number of pages, even though they are still half full. A newspaper said printer ink costs over \$4,700 a litre.

Sources: <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/17075/20141003/epson-rolls-out-ecotank-printers-goodbye-ink-cartridges-hello-ink-tanks.htm>
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planned_obsolescence

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. tired | a. using cartridges are over |
| 2. The days of | b. 200 pages a month |
| 3. Epson has just | c. 65% on printing costs |
| 4. A family usually prints | d. of paying too much for ink |
| 5. pour new | e. released new printers |
| 6. This will save people around | f. ink into the tank |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. The profits of printer companies | a. "planned obsolescence" |
| 2. People are printing less | b. \$4,700 a litre |
| 3. Their business model uses the idea | c. number of pages |
| 4. put as little ink as | d. are falling |
| 5. stop printing after a set | e. possible into the cartridge |
| 6. printer ink costs over | f. and sharing more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Are (1) _____ much for ink cartridges that finish quickly?

Help may be here. The days (2) _____ are over. Epson has

just (3) _____ with enough ink to last two years. Its new

EcoTank printers can print 6,500 colour pages (4) _____. A

family (5) _____ pages a month. With the new printer,

people just pour new (6) _____. This will save people

around 65 per cent on printing costs.

The profits of printer (7) _____. People are printing less

and sharing more (8) _____. People are unhappy with

printer makers. Their business model (9) _____ "planned

obsolescence". Companies put (10) _____ into the

cartridge to make consumers buy more cartridges. Some cartridges stop

printing after (11) _____ pages, even though they are still

half full. A newspaper (12) _____ over \$4,700 a litre.

PRINTER INK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about printer ink 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

