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## Level 3

# Technology goods to become cheaper

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# THE ARTICLE

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Many people believe the deal will be good for the world. The EU Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström, said: "This is a great deal for consumers, and for companies big and small. We've worked hard [on] this compromise between different countries to find the best solutions." She added: "This deal will cut costs for consumers and business - in particular, for smaller firms, which have been hit especially hard...in the past." Ms Malmström hopes more countries will sign up to the deal in the next few years. She said: "It clearly shows that countries around the world can work together to achieve solutions that benefit everyone. I [expect to see] other countries joining soon."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. TECHNOLOGY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about technology. 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?

*global / trade / import / deal / signed / ink cartridges / satellites / next four years / consumers / compromise / solutions / costs / achieve / solutions / benefit / everyone*

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

**3. IT:** How can it be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems now	Solutions
Internet		
Mobile phones		
Websites		
Mail		
Studying English		
Video chat		

**4. NICE PRICE:** Students A **strongly** believe technology is cheap; Students B **strongly** believe it is expensive. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. DEVICES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- mobile phone
- game console
- printer
- laptop computer
- digital camera
- electronic dictionary
- iPad
- wireless headphones

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

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

- |                                                                          |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Over 50 countries signed up to a new deal on IT products.             | T / F |
| b. Only half of countries in Europe signed up.                           | T / F |
| c. The countries who signed will remove import duties within four years. | T / F |
| d. The new deal represents about 7% of all world trade.                  | T / F |
| e. The EU Trade Commissioner said the deal was bad for smaller firms.    | T / F |
| f. The commissioner said countries worked hard on compromises.           | T / F |
| g. The commissioner does not want more countries to sign the deal.       | T / F |
| h. The commissioner said the solutions will not benefit everyone.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. agreement  | a. relates      |
| 2. duties     | b. totally      |
| 3. variety    | c. think        |
| 4. completely | d. range        |
| 5. applies    | e. particularly |
| 6. believe    | f. deal         |
| 7. solutions  | g. signing up   |
| 8. especially | h. answers      |
| 9. achieve    | i. taxes        |
| 10. joining   | j. reach        |

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

- |                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. There is a new global              | a. achieve solutions      |
| 2. 50 countries agreed to end tariffs | b. countries joining soon |
| 3. It will affect a wide              | c. of all world trade     |
| 4. Import duties will be              | d. costs for consumers    |
| 5. This is about 7 per cent           | e. and import duties      |
| 6. We've worked hard                  | f. trade agreement        |
| 7. This deal will cut                 | g. up to the deal         |
| 8. more countries will sign           | h. completely removed     |
| 9. work together to                   | i. on this compromise     |
| 10. I expect to see other             | j. variety of products    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

There is a new global trade (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that will make IT products cheaper. More than 50 countries agreed to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tariffs and import (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on over 200 IT products. All 28 countries from the European Union signed, as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as China, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and others. The deal was signed at a World Trade Organization meeting in Geneva. It will affect a wide (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of products, including smartphones, digital cameras, ink cartridges, video game (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and even telecommunications satellites. Import duties will be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ removed from the selected IT products in the next four years. The deal (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to \$1.3 trillion worth of global trade. This is about 7 per cent of all world trade.

*well*  
*consoles*  
*agreement*  
*completely*  
*duties*  
*applies*  
*end*  
*variety*

Many people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the deal will be good for the world. The EU Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström, said: "This is a great deal for (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and for companies big and small. We've worked hard [on] this compromise between different countries to find the best (11) \_\_\_\_\_." She added: "This deal will (12) \_\_\_\_\_ costs for consumers and business - in particular, for smaller firms, which have been (13) \_\_\_\_\_ especially hard...in the past." Ms Malmström hopes more countries will sign up to the deal in the next few years. She said: "It (14) \_\_\_\_\_ shows that countries around the world can work together to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ solutions that benefit everyone. I [expect to see] other countries joining (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*solutions*  
*achieve*  
*hit*  
*consumers*  
*soon*  
*believe*  
*clearly*  
*cut*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

- 1) There is a new global trade agreement that will make IT \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. products cheapen
  - b. products cheapest
  - c. products cheaper
  - d. products cheap per
- 2) More than 50 countries agreed to end tariffs \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and important duties
  - b. and export duties
  - c. and report duties
  - d. and import duties
- 3) digital cameras, ink cartridges, video game consoles and \_\_\_\_\_ satellites
  - a. ever telecommunications
  - b. evenly telecommunications
  - c. event telecommunications
  - d. even telecommunications
- 4) Import duties will be completely removed from the selected IT products \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - a. in the next for
  - b. on the next four
  - c. at the next four
  - d. in the next four
- 5) The deal applies to \$1.3 trillion worth \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of globally trade
  - b. of global trade
  - c. of global trades
  - d. of globally trades
- 6) Many people believe the deal will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. good by the world
  - b. good for the world
  - c. good at the world
  - d. good in the world
- 7) This is a great deal for consumers, and for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. companies big and small
  - b. companies big to small
  - c. companies big end small
  - d. companies begin small
- 8) We've worked hard [on] this compromise between different countries \_\_\_\_\_ solutions
  - a. to find a best
  - b. to fund the best
  - c. for find the best
  - d. to find the best
- 9) This deal will cut costs for consumers and business - in particular, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for smaller firms
  - b. for smaller farms
  - c. for smaller films
  - d. for smaller forms
- 10) It clearly shows that countries around the world can work together \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to achieved solutions
  - b. to achieves solutions
  - c. to achieve solutions
  - d. to achieve solution

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

1. How many countries signed up to the new deal?

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2. In which city was the deal signed?

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3. What kind of cartridges are included in the deal?

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4. When will all the import duties be removed?

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5. What percentage of world trade does this deal represent?

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6. Who is Cecilia Malmström?

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7. What did countries work hard on to find?

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8. Who in particular will the deal cut costs for?

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9. When have smaller firms been hit especially hard?

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10. Who does the article say benefits from the solutions?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

1. How many countries signed up to the new deal?
  - a) 60
  - b) more than 50
  - c) 50
  - d) 49
2. In which city was the deal signed?
  - a) Tokyo
  - b) London
  - c) New York
  - d) Geneva
3. What kind of cartridges are included in the deal?
  - a) ink
  - b) gun
  - c) tape
  - d) toner
4. When will all the import duties be removed?
  - a) 2017
  - b) soon
  - c) within 4 years
  - d) by the end of the year
5. What percentage of world trade does this deal represent?
  - a) 6%
  - b) 7%
  - c) 8%
  - d) 9%
6. Who is Cecilia Malmström?
  - a) the EU Trade Commissioner
  - b) CEO of Sony
  - c) a small business leader
  - d) a WTO spokeswoman
7. What did countries work hard on to find?
  - a) a common language
  - b) a framework
  - c) the best solutions
  - d) better technology
8. Who in particular will the deal cut costs for?
  - a) smaller firms
  - b) the EU
  - c) the WTO
  - d) Samsung
9. When have smaller firms been hit especially hard?
  - a) in the past
  - b) 2000
  - c) in the global recession
  - d) since the digital revolution
10. Who does the article say benefits from the solutions?
  - a) China
  - b) the WTO
  - c) bigger companies
  - d) everyone

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Game consoles**

You think game consoles are the best digital devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): printers, digital cameras or wireless headphones.

## **Role B – Printers**

You think printers are the best digital devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): game consoles, digital cameras or wireless headphones.

## **Role C – Digital cameras**

You think digital cameras are the best digital devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): printers, game consoles or wireless headphones.

## **Role D – Wireless headphones**

You think wireless headphones are the best digital devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): printers, digital cameras or game consoles.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

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

<b>information</b>	<b>technology</b>
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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"><li>• trade</li><li>• import</li><li>• well</li><li>• ink</li><li>• completely</li><li>• applies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• believe</li><li>• great</li><li>• solutions</li><li>• especially</li><li>• few</li><li>• soon</li></ul>
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# TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

Write five GOOD questions about technology 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.

# TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'technology'?
- 3) How important is technology?
- 4) How has technology changed in the past 20 years?
- 5) How happy are you that IT products will be cheaper?
- 6) What is your favourite piece of technology (and why)?
- 7) What are the good and bad things about electronic shops?
- 8) What would your life be like without your gadgets?
- 9) How will the new agreement change your life?
- 10) What is your favourite tech company (and why)?

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# TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How will this agreement be good for the world?
- 13) What do you think of the price of technology products?
- 14) What tech company would you like to work for?
- 15) What technology do you dislike?
- 16) What is the best invention ever?
- 17) Should all children study IT in schools?
- 18) What are the bad things about technology?
- 19) What will technology be like in 20 years from now?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the WTO?

## **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) globally  | (b) global    | (c) globalize | (d) globe   |
| 2.  | (a) functions | (b) tasks     | (c) jobs      | (d) duties  |
| 3.  | (a) well      | (b) good      | (c) nice      | (d) fine    |
| 4.  | (a) varies    | (b) varied    | (c) variety   | (d) various |
| 5.  | (a) event     | (b) even      | (c) evens     | (d) ever    |
| 6.  | (a) price     | (b) value     | (c) worth     | (d) cost    |
| 7.  | (a) believers | (b) believing | (c) belief    | (d) believe |
| 8.  | (a) on        | (b) at        | (c) by        | (d) as      |
| 9.  | (a) cut       | (b) smash     | (c) slice     | (d) dice    |
| 10. | (a) down      | (b) up        | (c) in        | (d) as      |
| 11. | (a) few       | (b) numerous  | (c) less      | (d) many    |
| 12. | (a) jointed   | (b) joint     | (c) joining   | (d) joins   |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. a new global trade tmeaeengr
2. tariffs and import etidus
3. a wide itvarye of products
4. telecommunications ssitltaele
5. loptmyelec removed
6. The deal applies to \$1.3 oliilrnt

## Paragraph 2

7. a great deal for mosnecrsu
8. worked hard on this roscpoemmi
9. in raurptailc
10. hit elyailecsp hard
11. work together to achieve tnousiols
12. eefnitb everyone



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) costs for consumers and business - in particular, for smaller firms, which have been hit especially
- ( ) completely removed from the selected IT products in the next four years. The deal applies to \$1.3 trillion
- ( ) compromise between different countries to find the best solutions." She added: "This deal will cut
- ( ) together to achieve solutions that benefit everyone. I [expect to see] other countries joining soon."
- ( **1** ) There is a new global trade agreement that will make IT products cheaper. More than 50 countries agreed to end
- ( ) signed, as well as China, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and others. The deal was signed
- ( ) hard...in the past." Ms Malmström hopes more countries will sign up to the deal in the next
- ( ) tariffs and import duties on over 200 IT products. All 28 countries from the European Union
- ( ) few years. She said: "It clearly shows that countries around the world can work
- ( ) worth of global trade. This is about 7 per cent of all world trade.
- ( ) at a World Trade Organization meeting in Geneva. It will affect a wide variety of products, including smartphones, digital
- ( ) Many people believe the deal will be good for the world. The EU Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström, said: "This is
- ( ) a great deal for consumers, and for companies big and small. We've worked hard [on] this
- ( ) cameras, ink cartridges, video game consoles and even telecommunications satellites. Import duties will be

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

1. agreed More to than end 50 tariffs countries .

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2. including Affect variety , wide products smartphones a of .

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3. IT selected the from Removed years four next the in products .

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4. to trade \$1.3 applies global deal of The worth trillion .

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5. is about 7 per cent of all world trade This .

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6. the believe people Many world the for good be will deal .

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7. have been Smaller hit firms especially which hard .

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8. sign next deal up Countries few in to will years the the .

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9. to everyone achieve solutions Work that together benefit .

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10. expect joining to soon see other I countries .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150730-it-products.html>

There is a new *global / globally* trade agreement that will make IT products cheaper. More than 50 countries *agreeing / agreed* to end tariffs and *importance / import* duties on over 200 IT *products / produce*. All 28 countries from the European Union signed, as *good / well* as China, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and others. The deal was signed at a World Trade Organization *meeting / meetings* in Geneva. It will affect a wide *various / variety* of products, including smartphones, digital cameras, *inky / ink* cartridges, video game consoles and *even / ever* telecommunications satellites. Import duties will be completely removed from the selected IT products in the next four years. The deal applies to \$1.3 trillion worth of global trade. This is about 7 per cent of *every / all* world trade.

Many people believe the *dealt / deal* will be good for the world. The EU Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström, said: "This is a great deal for *consuming / consumers*, and for companies big and small. We've worked *hardly / hard* [on] this compromise between different countries *for / to* find the best solutions." She added: "This deal will *cut / cutting* costs for consumers and business - in *peculiar / particular*, for smaller firms, which have been hit *especially / especial* hard...in the past." Ms Malmström hopes more countries will sign *up / for* to the deal in the next few years. She said: "It *clearly / clarity* shows that countries around the world can work together to achieve solutions that benefit everyone. I [expect to see] other countries *joint / joining* soon."

**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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Th\_r\_ \_s\_ \_n\_w gl\_b\_l tr\_d\_ \_gr\_\_m\_nt th\_t w\_ll m\_k\_ \_T pr\_d\_cts ch\_\_p\_r. M\_r\_ th\_n 50 c\_\_ntr\_\_s gr\_\_d t\_ \_nd t\_r\_ffs \_nd \_mp\_rt d\_t\_\_s \_n \_v\_r 200 \_T pr\_d\_cts. \_ll 28 c\_\_ntr\_\_s fr\_m th\_ \_\_r\_p\_\_n \_n\_\_n s\_gn\_d, \_s w\_ll \_s Ch\_n\_, J\_p\_n, S\_\_th K\_r\_\_, th\_ \_\_.S. \_nd \_th\_rs. Th\_ d\_\_l w\_s s\_gn\_d t\_ \_ W\_rld Tr\_d\_ \_rg\_n\_z\_t\_n m\_\_t\_ng \_n G\_n\_v\_. \_t w\_ll \_ff\_ct \_ w\_d\_ v\_r\_\_ty \_f pr\_d\_cts, \_ncl\_d\_ng sm\_rtp\_h\_n\_s, d\_g\_t\_l c\_m\_r\_s, \_nk c\_rtr\_dg\_s, v\_d\_\_g\_m\_c\_ns\_l\_s \_nd \_v\_n t\_l\_c\_mm\_n\_c\_t\_\_ns s\_t\_ll\_t\_s. \_mp\_rt d\_t\_\_s w\_ll b\_cmpl\_t\_ly r\_m\_v\_d fr\_m th\_s\_lct\_d \_T pr\_d\_cts \_n th\_nxt f\_\_r y\_\_rs. Th\_ d\_\_l \_ppl\_\_s t\_ \$1.3 tr\_ll\_\_n w\_rth \_f gl\_b\_l tr\_d\_. Th\_s \_s \_b\_\_t 7 p\_r c\_nt \_f \_ll w\_rld tr\_d\_.

M\_ny p\_\_pl\_ b\_l\_v\_ th\_ d\_\_l w\_ll b\_g\_\_d f\_r th\_ w\_rld. Th\_ \_\_ Tr\_d\_ C\_mm\_ss\_\_n\_r, C\_c\_l\_\_ M\_lmström, s\_\_d: "Th\_s \_s gr\_\_t d\_\_l f\_r c\_ns\_m\_rs, \_nd f\_r c\_m\_p\_n\_\_s b\_g \_nd sm\_ll. W\_'v\_ w\_rk\_d h\_rd [\_n] th\_s c\_mpr\_m\_s b\_tw\_\_n d\_ff\_r\_nt c\_\_ntr\_\_s t\_f\_nd th\_b\_st s\_l\_t\_\_ns." Sh\_\_dd\_d: "Th\_s d\_\_l w\_ll c\_t c\_sts f\_r c\_ns\_m\_rs \_nd b\_s\_n\_ss - \_n p\_rt\_c\_l\_r, f\_r sm\_ll\_r f\_rms, wh\_ch h\_v\_ b\_\_n h\_t \_sp\_c\_\_lly h\_rd...\_n th\_ p\_st." Ms M\_lmström h\_p\_s m\_r\_c\_\_ntr\_\_s w\_ll s\_gn \_p t\_ th\_ d\_\_l \_n th\_nxt f\_w y\_\_rs. Sh\_s\_\_d: "\_t cl\_\_rly sh\_ws th\_t c\_\_ntr\_\_s \_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld c\_n w\_rk t\_g\_th\_r t\_ \_ch\_\_v\_s\_l\_t\_\_ns th\_t b\_n\_f\_t \_v\_r\_y\_n\_. \_ [\_xp\_ct t\_s\_\_] \_th\_r c\_\_ntr\_\_s j\_\_n\_ng s\_\_n."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 technology. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. INVENTION:** Make a poster about the best ever invention. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. IT IN SCHOOLS:** Write a magazine article about making all students study IT. 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 technology. Ask him/her three questions about technology. Give him/her three of your ideas on what the future will be like. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. agreement  | a. deal         |
| 2. duties     | b. taxes        |
| 3. variety    | c. range        |
| 4. completely | d. totally      |
| 5. applies    | e. relates      |
| 6. believe    | f. think        |
| 7. solutions  | g. answers      |
| 8. especially | h. particularly |
| 9. achieve    | i. reach        |
| 10. joining   | j. signing up   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. More than 50
2. Geneva
3. Ink
4. Within 4 years
5. 7%
6. The EU Trade Commissioner
7. The best solutions
8. Smaller firms
9. In the past
10. Everyone

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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