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Microsoft blames U.S. spy agency for WannaCry

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THE ARTICLE

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The technology company Microsoft is angry with America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack happened because the NSA keeps lots of cyber-weapons on its computers. Ransomware is a type of harmful software that blocks access to a computer until the owner of the computer pays money (a ransom) to the hackers. The NSA is America's military intelligence organization. It helps to keep America's communications and information systems safe. It is also responsible for stopping cyber-attacks against the USA. However, experts say the WannaCry ransomware used computer spying tools originally designed by the NSA.

Microsoft president Brad Smith said governments needed to wake up to the problem of storing cyber-weapons that hackers can steal. He said it was as big a problem as someone stealing missiles from the USA. When talking about the WannaCry attack, he said: "This attack provides yet another example of why the stockpiling of [these things] by governments is such a problem." The European police agency Europol said WannaCry has affected 200,000 computers in 150 countries. In the UK, WannaCry caused many problems with the work of Britain's National Health Service. Many operations were cancelled. Experts warned people to back up their files because a second wave of attacks could come.

Sources: <http://www.investors.com/news/technology/microsoft-lashes-out-over-wannacry-hacks-is-apple-next/>
<http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-europe-computer-virus-20170514-story.html>
<https://www.theverge.com/2017/5/15/15639890/microsoft-wannacry-security-vulnerabilities-ransomware>

WARM-UPS

1. RANSOMWARE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ransomware. 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?

technology / company / cyber-attack / software / intelligence / systems / spying / wake up / cyber-weapons / missiles / police / ransomware / experts / wave / back up

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

3. DANGER: Students A **strongly** believe cyber-attacks are the biggest danger to the world; Students B **strongly** believe other things are more dangerous. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CYBER: What do you know about these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	How do these things affect the world?
cyber-attack		
cyber-cafe		
cyber-crime		
cyber-pet		
cyber-terrorist		
cyber-weapons		

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

6. DATA: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important computer data at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- applications
- documents
- photos
- games
- music
- videos
- homework
- e-books

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

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

- a. The article says America's NSA is angry with Microsoft. **T / F**
- b. America's National Security Agency has cyber-weapons on its computers. **T / F**
- c. Ransomware means people must pay hackers to access their files. **T / F**
- d. The WannaCry hackers used spying tools first created by the NSA. **T / F**
- e. Microsoft's president said governments needed to wake up. **T / F**
- f. Brad Smith said governments storing cyber-weapons isn't dangerous. **T / F**
- g. The WannaCry ransomware affected over 250,000 computers. **T / F**
- h. Experts said the wave of attacks was now over. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. angry | a. presents |
| 2. happened | b. furious |
| 3. harmful | c. keeping |
| 4. responsible for | d. occurred |
| 5. originally | e. created |
| 6. storing | f. first |
| 7. stealing | g. in charge of |
| 8. provides | h. advised |
| 9. caused | i. thieving |
| 10. warned | j. dangerous |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Microsoft is angry with America's | a. wake up to the problem |
| 2. harmful software that blocks | b. (a ransom) to the hackers |
| 3. pays money | c. tools |
| 4. It is also responsible | d. computers in 150 countries |
| 5. computer spying | e. up their files |
| 6. governments needed to | f. access to a computer |
| 7. This attack provides yet | g. of attacks could come |
| 8. WannaCry has affected 200,000 | h. for stopping cyber-attacks |
| 9. Experts warned people to back | i. another example of why |
| 10. a second wave | j. National Security Agency |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

The technology company Microsoft is (1) _____ with America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack (2) _____ because the NSA keeps lots of cyber-weapons on its computers. Ransomware is a type of harmful software that (3) _____ access to a computer until the owner of the computer pays money (a (4) _____) to the hackers. The NSA is America's (5) _____ intelligence organization. It helps to keep America's communications and information systems (6) _____. It is also responsible for stopping cyber-attacks against the USA. However, (7) _____ say the WannaCry ransomware used computer spying tools (8) _____ designed by the NSA.

happened
experts
ransom
angry
originally
military
blocks
safe

Microsoft president Brad Smith said governments needed to wake up to the problem of (9) _____ cyber-weapons that hackers can steal. He said it was as big a problem as someone (10) _____ missiles from the USA. When talking about the WannaCry attack, he said: "This attack provides (11) _____ another example of why the stockpiling of [these things] by governments is (12) _____ a problem." The European police agency Europol said WannaCry has (13) _____ 200,000 computers in 150 countries. In the UK, WannaCry (14) _____ many problems with the work of Britain's National Health Service. Many (15) _____ were cancelled. Experts warned people to back up their files because a second (16) _____ of attacks could come.

yet
storing
caused
such
wave
stealing
operations
affected

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

- 1) The technology company Microsoft is angry with America's National _____
 - a. Securities Agency
 - b. Secrets Agency
 - c. Secure A Tea Agency
 - d. Security Agency
- 2) Ransomware is a type of harmful software that blocks _____ computer
 - a. excess to a
 - b. access to a
 - c. recess to a
 - d. success to a
- 3) It helps to keep America's communications and information _____
 - a. sister is safe
 - b. systems safe
 - c. systems safely
 - d. sisters safe
- 4) It is also responsible for stopping cyber-attacks _____
 - a. again the USA
 - b. a gains the USA
 - c. aghast the USA
 - d. against the USA
- 5) used computer spying tools originally designed _____
 - a. by the NSA
 - b. by a NSA
 - c. by an NSA
 - d. but the NSA
- 6) Microsoft president Brad Smith said governments needed to wake _____
 - a. up to a problem
 - b. up to the problem
 - c. up to the problems
 - d. up too the problem
- 7) He said it was as big a problem as someone _____
 - a. stolen missiles
 - b. steel in missiles
 - c. steal in missiles
 - d. stealing missiles
- 8) This attack provides yet _____
 - a. an other example
 - b. the other example
 - c. another example
 - d. other examples
- 9) The European police agency Europol said WannaCry has _____ computers
 - a. affected 200,000
 - b. affected 20,000
 - c. affected 2,000
 - d. affected 2,000,000
- 10) back up their files because a second wave of attacks _____
 - a. couldn't come
 - b. could cone
 - c. could come
 - d. couldn't cone

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

The technology company Microsoft (1) _____ America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack happened because the NSA (2) _____ cyber-weapons on its computers. Ransomware is a type of harmful software that blocks access to a computer until (3) _____ the computer pays money (4) _____ the hackers. The NSA is America's military intelligence organization. It helps to keep America's communications and information systems safe. (5) _____ responsible for stopping cyber-attacks against the USA. However, experts say the WannaCry ransomware used computer spying (6) _____ designed by the NSA.

Microsoft president Brad Smith said governments (7) _____ up to the problem of storing cyber-weapons that hackers can steal. He said it was (8) _____ as someone stealing missiles from the USA. When talking about the WannaCry attack, he said: "This attack (9) _____ example of why the stockpiling of [these things] by governments (10) _____."

The European police agency Europol said WannaCry has affected 200,000 computers in 150 countries. In the UK, WannaCry caused many problems (11) _____ Britain's National Health Service. Many operations were cancelled. Experts warned people to (12) _____ files because a second wave of attacks could come.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

1. What technology company is angry?
2. What does the NSA keep a lot of on its computers?
3. What must people pay hackers to get access to their computers back?
4. What does the NSA help to do to the USA's information systems?
5. Who did experts say designed the spying tools used in WannaCry?
6. Who is Brad Smith?
7. What did Brad Smith compare the stealing of cyber-weapons to?
8. How many computers did WannaCry affect?
9. What was cancelled in Britain's National Health Service?
10. What did experts say there could be a second wave of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

- 1) What technology company is angry?
 - a) Sony
 - b) Google
 - c) Apple
 - d) Microsoft
- 2) What does the NSA keep a lot of on its computers?
 - a) names
 - b) cyber-weapons
 - c) dust
 - d) photos
- 3) What must people pay hackers to get access to their computers back?
 - a) a salary
 - b) respect
 - c) costs
 - d) a ransom
- 4) What does the NSA help to do to the USA's information systems?
 - a) update them
 - b) systematise them
 - c) keep them safe
 - d) inform them
- 5) Who did experts say designed the spying tools used in WannaCry?
 - a) the military
 - b) the FBI
 - c) hackers
 - d) the NSA
- 6) Who is Brad Smith?
 - a) a soldier
 - b) a hacker
 - c) Microsoft's president
 - d) a spy
- 7) What did Brad Smith compare the stealing of cyber-weapons to?
 - a) stealing missiles
 - b) storing
 - c) stockpiling
 - d) waking up
- 8) How many computers did WannaCry affect?
 - a) 20,000
 - b) 2,000,000
 - c) 200,000
 - d) 2,000
- 9) What was cancelled in Britain's National Health Service?
 - a) files
 - b) operations
 - c) back-ups
 - d) holidays
- 10) What did experts say there could be a second wave of?
 - a) attacks
 - b) surfing
 - c) warnings
 - d) problems

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

Role A – Documents

You think documents are the most important things to back up on a computer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): photos, music or videos.

Role B – Photos

You think photos are the most important things to back up on a computer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): documents, music or videos.

Role C – Music

You think music is the most important thing to back up on a computer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): photos, documents or videos.

Role D – Videos

You think videos are the most important things to back up on a computer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): photos, music or documents.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

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

spy	agency
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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">• angry• lots• owner• military• also• tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wake up• steal• example• 150• work• wave
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RANSOMWARE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ransomware 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.

RANSOMWARE 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 'spy'?
3. What do you know about the WannaCry ransomware?
4. How dangerous are cyber-attacks?
5. How could cyber-attacks be used in wars?
6. What is ransomware?
7. How bad would it be if you lost access to all your computer files?
8. What do you do to protect your computer?
9. What cyber-attacks do you know about?
10. Why can't governments stop hackers?

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RANSOMWARE 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 'agency'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How worried are you about cyber-attacks?
15. How much would you pay to get access to your computer files?
16. What damage can hackers do?
17. Are the hackers more intelligent than the computer security companies?
18. Can you live without a computer?
19. What would happen if hackers stopped the Internet?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of the NSA?

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) angrily | (b) angry | (c)angers | (d) angered |
| 2. | (a) happens | (b) happened | (c) happening | (d) happen |
| 3. | (a) loading | (b) lot | (c) load | (d) lots |
| 4. | (a) excess | (b) access | (c) recess | (d) success |
| 5. | (a) far | (b) from | (c) of | (d) for |
| 6. | (a) origins | (b) origin | (c) originally | (d) originate |
| 7. | (a) wake | (b) woken | (c) waking | (d) woke |
| 8. | (a) stole | (b) stolen | (c) steal | (d) stealing |
| 9. | (a) until | (b) already | (c) as | (d) yet |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) at | (d) in |
| 11. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) over | (d) under |
| 12. | (a) wave | (b) ripple | (c) wash | (d) fountain |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The ooneychgtl company Microsoft
2. a type of ulrhamf software
3. iyImirta intelligence
4. information tsesym
5. slpbnesioer for stopping cyber-attacks
6. tools grilailyno designed by the NSA

Paragraph 2

7. Microsoft dnertipe Brad Smith
8. stealing mislesis from the USA
9. This attack sidervop yet another example
10. WannaCry has dftceaef 200,000 computers
11. Many ptrsoaoine were cancelled
12. xepsetr warned people to back up their files

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () say the WannaCry ransomware used computer spying tools originally designed by the NSA.
- () agency Europol said WannaCry has affected 200,000 computers in 150 countries. In the UK, WannaCry caused
- () of the computer pays money (a ransom) to the hackers. The NSA is America's military intelligence
- () its computers. Ransomware is a type of harmful software that blocks access to a computer until the owner
- (**1**) The technology company Microsoft is angry with America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said
- () example of why the stockpiling of [these things] by governments is such a problem." The European police
- () organization. It helps to keep America's communications and information systems safe. It is also responsible
- () missiles from the USA. When talking about the WannaCry attack, he said: "This attack provides yet another
- () cancelled. Experts warned people to back up their files because a second wave of attacks could come.
- () Microsoft president Brad Smith said governments needed to wake up to the problem of storing cyber-weapons that
- () for stopping cyber-attacks against the USA. However, experts
- () many problems with the work of Britain's National Health Service. Many operations were
- () hackers can steal. He said it was as big a problem as someone stealing
- () the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack happened because the NSA keeps lots of cyber-weapons on

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. keeps - The weapons lots on of its cyber computers NSA .
2. software Harmful computer a to access blocks that .
3. NSA America's intelligence The is military organization .
4. for responsible also is It USA the against attacks cyber- stopping .
5. originally tools spying Computer NSA the by designed .
6. problem governments wake the said to to Smith needed up .
7. someone It big as missiles as problem stealing was a .
8. yet provides attack This why of example another .
9. things is problem these governments a of by such Stockpiling .
10. back to people warned Experts files their up .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware.html>

The technology company Microsoft is *angry / angrily* with America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack *happening / happened* because the NSA keeps *load / lots* of cyber-weapons on its computers. Ransomware is a *type / typed* of harmful software that blocks access *of / to* a computer until the owner of the computer pays money (a ransom) *to / from* the hackers. The NSA is America's military intelligence organization. It helps *that / to* keep America's communications and information systems *safe / safety*. It is also responsible for stopping cyber-attacks *against / again* the USA. However, experts say the WannaCry ransomware used computer spying tools *originally / original* designed by the NSA.

Microsoft president Brad Smith *said / say* governments needed to wake up to the problem of *storing / store* cyber-weapons that hackers can *steel / steal*. He said it was as big a problem *has / as* someone stealing missiles from the USA. When talking about the WannaCry attack, *they / he* said: "This attack provides *yet / as* another example of why the stockpiling of [these things] by governments is such *a / the* problem." The European police agency Europol said WannaCry has *effected / affected* 200,000 computers in 150 countries. In the UK, WannaCry caused many problems with the work of Britain's National Health Service. Many operations were cancelled. Experts warned people to back *down / up* their files because a second wave of attacks could *go / come*.

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_ t_chn_l_gy c_mp_ny M_cr_s_ft _s _ngry w_th
_m_r_c_'s N_t__n_l S_c_r_ty _g_ncy (NS_). M_cr_s_ft
s__d th_ W_nn_Cry r_ns_mw_r_ cyb_r-__tt_ck h_pp_n_d
b_c__s_ th_ NS_ k__ps l_ts _f cyb_r-w__p_ns _n_ts
c_mp_t_rs. R_ns_mw_r_ _s _typ_ _f h_rmf_l s_ftw_r_
th_t bl_cks _cc_ss t_ _c_mp_t_r _nt_l th_ _wn_r _f
th_ c_mp_t_r p_ys m_n_y (_r_ns_m) t_ th_ h_ck_rs.
Th_ NS_ _s _m_r_c_'s m_l_t_ry _nt_ll_g_nc_
_rg_n_z_t__n. _t_ h_lps_ t_ k__p_ _m_r_c_'s
c_mm_n_c_t__ns _nd _nf_rm_t__n syst_ms s_f_. _t_ s
ls r_sp_ns bl_ _f_r st_pp_ng cyb_r-__tt_ck_s _g__nst
th_ _S_. H_w_v_r, _xp_rts_ s_y_ th_ W_nn_Cry
r_ns_mw_r_ _s_d c_mp_t_r spy_ng t__ls_ _r_g_n_lly
d_s_gn_d by th_ NS_.

M_cr_s_ft pr_s_d_nt Br_d Sm_th s__d g_v_rnm_nts
n__d_d t_ w_k_ _p t_ th_ pr_bl_m _f st_r_ng cyb_r-
w__p_ns th_t h_ck_rs c_n st__l. H_ s__d _t w_s _s b_g
_ pr_bl_m _s s_m__n_ st__l_ng m_ss_l_s fr_m th_
S. Wh_n t_lk_ng _b__t th_ W_nn_Cry _tt_ck, h_
s__d: "Th_s _tt_ck pr_v_d_s y_t _n th_r _xmpl_ _f
why th_ st_ckp_l_ng _f [th_s_ th_ngs] by g_v_rnm_nts
_s s_ch _ pr_bl_m." Th_ __r_p__n p_l_c_ _g_ncy
__r_p_l_ s__d W_nn_Cry h_s _ff_ct_d 200,000
c_mp_t_rs _n 150 c__ntr__s. _n th_ _K, W_nn_Cry
c__s_d m_ny pr_bl_ms w_th th_ w_rk _f Br_t__n's
N_t__n_l H__lth S_rvc_. M_ny _p_r_t__ns w_r_
c_nc_ll_d. _xp_rts_ w_rn_d p__pl_ t_ b_ck _p th__r
f_l_s b_c__s_ _s_c_nd w_v_ _f _tt_ck_s c__ld c_m_.

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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. CYBER-ATTACKS: Write a magazine article about cyber-attacks being the biggest risk to the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 ransomware. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can keep our computers safe. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. angry | a. furious |
| 2. happened | b. occurred |
| 3. harmful | c. dangerous |
| 4. responsible for | d. in charge of |
| 5. originally | e. first |
| 6. storing | f. keeping |
| 7. stealing | g. thieving |
| 8. provides | h. presents |
| 9. caused | i. created |
| 10. warned | j. advised |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Microsoft
2. Cyber-weapons
3. Money / A ransom
4. Keep them safe
5. The NSA
6. Microsoft's president
7. The stealing of missiles
8. 200,000
9. Operations
10. Attacks

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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