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**Level 1** – 26th September, 2020

## Water seller becomes China's richest man

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man-1.html>

The magazine Bloomberg has named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man. The magazine said he is worth over \$58 billion. He is \$2 billion richer than the previous number one, Jack Ma, who is boss of the Internet giant Alibaba. Mr Zhong made his money from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He also makes vaccines. He is now 17th on the global rich list. He might move up that list in the future.

Zhong Shanshan, 66, was once a builder. He started his water company in 1996, just as China's market for bottled water started. Bottled water is a big industry in China. Most people prefer bottled water to tap water. Zhong's vaccine company is helping to fight against COVID-19. It is making a vaccine with the help of university researchers. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he is rarely seen in public. He likes to keep himself to himself.

Sources: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/bottled-water-billionaire-pips-jack-ma-to-become-china-s-richest--13143916>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The magazine            | a. richer            |
| 2. he is worth             | b. his money         |
| 3. He is \$2 billion       | c. up that list      |
| 4. the previous number     | d. Bloomberg         |
| 5. boss of the Internet    | e. list              |
| 6. Mr Zhong made           | f. giant             |
| 7. 17th on the global rich | g. over \$58 billion |
| 8. He might move           | h. one               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Zhong Shanshan, 66, was          | a. researchers      |
| 2. China's market for bottled water | b. to tap water     |
| 3. a big industry                   | c. to himself       |
| 4. prefer bottled water             | d. started          |
| 5. helping to fight                 | e. seen in public   |
| 6. with the help of university      | f. in China         |
| 7. he is rarely                     | g. once a builder   |
| 8. He likes to keep himself         | h. against COVID-19 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Zhong Shanshan, 66, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ builder. He started his water company in 1996, just as China's market for bottled water started. Bottled water is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in China. Most people prefer bottled water (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Zhong's vaccine company is helping to fight against COVID-19. It is making a vaccine (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of university researchers. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in public. He likes to keep (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEING RICH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being rich 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

