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## Jeff Bezos stepping down as Amazon CEO

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# THE READING

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Amazon founder Jeff Bezos will step down from his role as CEO. Mr Bezos, 57, will finish as CEO later this year. Instead of being CEO, he will be Amazon's executive chair. The new CEO will be Andy Jassy, who is currently head of Amazon Web Services - a cloud computing business. Mr Bezos has been in charge of Amazon since starting the company in his garage in 1995. It started as an online bookseller but turned into a global marketplace. It branched out into streaming video, music, and audiobooks. It also produces consumer electronics and devices, including Kindle e-readers.

Amazon is one of the world's most valuable Internet companies and is worth around \$1.7 trillion. Mr Bezos is now one of the world's richest people. He spoke about his success. He said: "This journey began some 27 years ago. Amazon was only an idea, and it had no name. The question I was asked...at that time was, 'What's the Internet?' Today, we employ 1.3 million talented, dedicated people, serve hundreds of millions of customers...and are widely recognized as one of the most successful companies in the world." Mr Bezos also owns a newspaper and space travel company.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/02/02/tech/amazon-earnings-bezos/index.html>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/02/technology/jeff-bezos-amazon.html>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-55912878>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Bezos will step down from     | a. marketplace        |
| 2. he will be Amazon's executive | b. charge             |
| 3. a cloud                       | c. and devices        |
| 4. Mr Bezos has been in          | d. his role as CEO    |
| 5. It started as an              | e. streaming video    |
| 6. turned into a global          | f. computing business |
| 7. It branched out into          | g. chair              |
| 8. consumer electronics          | h. online bookseller  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. one of the world's most | a. of customers      |
| 2. worth around            | b. richest people    |
| 3. one of the world's      | c. some 27 years ago |
| 4. He spoke about his      | d. owns a newspaper  |
| 5. This journey began      | e. dedicated people  |
| 6. 1.3 million talented,   | f. valuable          |
| 7. hundreds of millions    | g. \$1.7 trillion    |
| 8. Mr Bezos also           | h. success           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AMAZON.COM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Amazon.com 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) \_\_\_\_\_

