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Level 1 – 5th June 2025

Disney cuts hundreds of jobs

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

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THE READING

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Disney is cutting hundreds of jobs. Since 2023, it has cut more than 8,000 jobs worldwide. The company wants to reduce its costs. The new job losses are in marketing. A spokesperson told the Fox Business website that as the industry changes, Disney would continue to manage all of its business, and keep being creative. He added that consumers want creativity and innovation. Disney's CEO said the cuts would keep the company healthy.

Disney is one of the world's most famous companies. It was founded in 1923. In 1928, it made a film called "Steamboat Willie". This was one of the first cartoons with sound. It was also the debut of Mickey Mouse. Disney is now a big entertainment company. It owns animation companies like Pixar and Marvel Studios, and big names like National Geographic. It also has many theme parks around the world. It will build a new park in Abu Dhabi.

Sources: <https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/disney-cuts-hundreds-tv-film-jobs-amid-streaming-expansion>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Disney is cutting hundreds of | a. changes |
| 2. cut more than 8,000 jobs | b. reduce its costs |
| 3. The company wants to | c. marketing |
| 4. The new job losses are in | d. innovation |
| 5. as the industry | e. worldwide |
| 6. keep being | f. healthy |
| 7. consumers want creativity and | g. creative |
| 8. keep the company | h. jobs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. one of the world's most | a. of Mickey Mouse |
| 2. It was founded | b. a film |
| 3. In 1928, it made | c. theme parks |
| 4. one of the first cartoons | d. like Pixar |
| 5. It was also the debut | e. famous companies |
| 6. Disney is now a big entertainment | f. with sound |
| 7. animation companies | g. company |
| 8. It also has many | h. in 1923 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Disney is cutting (1) _____. Since 2023, it has (2) _____ 8,000 jobs worldwide. The company wants to reduce its costs. The (3) _____ are in marketing. A spokesperson told the Fox Business website that as (4) _____, Disney would continue to manage all of its business, and (5) _____. He added that consumers want (6) _____. Disney's CEO said the cuts would keep the company healthy.

Disney is (7) _____ world's most famous companies. It (8) _____ 1923. In 1928, it made a film called "Steamboat Willie". This was one of the first cartoons with sound. It was also (9) _____ Mickey Mouse. Disney is now a big entertainment company. It owns (10) _____ Pixar and Marvel Studios, and (11) _____ National Geographic. It also has many theme parks around the world. It will (12) _____ park in Abu Dhabi.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DISNEY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Disney 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) _____

