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Elon Musk becomes world's first trillionaire

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THE READING

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Elon Musk is the world's first trillionaire. The initial public offering (IPO) of SpaceX added nearly \$870 billion to his wealth. He has also amassed a fortune from Tesla, X, and other companies. Mr Musk is worth more than the world's next four richest people combined. Most of his wealth is tied up in stocks, rather than in cash. SpaceX's IPO was the largest in history. It raised \$75 billion. It beat the previous record of \$29.4 billion set by the oil company Aramco.

Elon Musk made his initial fortune with PayPal. He used money from this to start SpaceX in 2002. SpaceX now dominates the space travel industry. It launched more than half of all rockets last year. It also has 10,000 satellites in orbit. Musk's hope is to "make life multiplanetary". At the IPO, he said he wanted to take anyone who wanted to go, to the Moon or Mars "and ultimately beyond". He said: "Not just a few astronauts, I mean literally you."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. initial public | a. rather than in cash |
| 2. He has also amassed a | b. of \$29.4 billion |
| 3. worth more than the world's next | c. fortune from Tesla |
| 4. Most of his | d. four richest people |
| 5. tied up in stocks, | e. company Aramco |
| 6. SpaceX's IPO was the | f. wealth |
| 7. It beat the previous record | g. offering |
| 8. set by the oil | h. largest in history |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Musk made his initial | a. space travel industry |
| 2. He used money from this | b. multiplanetary |
| 3. SpaceX now dominates the | c. in orbit |
| 4. It launched more than | d. ultimately beyond |
| 5. It also has 10,000 satellites | e. fortune with PayPal |
| 6. make life | f. who wanted to go |
| 7. he wanted to take anyone | g. to start SpaceX |
| 8. the Moon or Mars and | h. half of all rockets |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Elon Musk (7) _____ fortune with PayPal. He used money from this to start SpaceX in 2002. SpaceX (8) _____ space travel industry. It launched more than half of (9) _____ year. It also has 10,000 satellites in orbit. Musk's (10) _____ "make life multiplanetary". At the IPO, he said he wanted to take anyone who wanted to go, to the Moon or Mars "(11) _____". He said: "Not just a few astronauts, I (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEING A TRILLIONAIRE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about being a trillionaire 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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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

