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## Elon Musk becomes world's first trillionaire

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

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Elon Musk is a super-entrepreneur. He made his initial fortune by helping to create PayPal. That netted him about \$176 million, which he used to start SpaceX in 2002, and invest in Tesla. SpaceX pioneered the reuse of rocket boosters and now dominates the space travel industry. It accounted for more than half of all rocket launches last year. The company also has 10,000 Starlink satellites in orbit. Musk's aspiration is to "make life multiplanetary". He wants anyone to be able to travel to space. At the IPO, he said: "Whoever you are watching this, SpaceX wants to be able to take you to the Moon, take you to Mars, and ultimately beyond." He added: "Not just a few astronauts, I mean literally you."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. BEING A TRILLIONAIRE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about being a trillionaire. 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?

trillionaire / IPO / rocket company / wealth / equity / business ventures / cash / oil / entrepreneur / fortune / invest / space travel / orbit / aspiration / the Moon / Mars

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

**3. ENTREPRENEUR:** Students A **strongly** believe anyone can be an entrepreneur; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ELON MUSK COMPANIES:** What do you know about these companies associated with Elon Musk? What do you think of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think
Space X		
X		
Tesla		
PayPal		
Neuralink		
The Boring Company		

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

**6. SPACE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The Sun
- Mars
- Black holes
- Shooting stars
- The Moon
- Comets
- Saturn
- Space dust

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. initial public offering (IPO) | a. Extremely difficult to understand because it is so great.  |
| 2. amassed                       | b. Extremely large or surprising.                             |
| 3. eye-watering                  | c. Collected or gained a large amount of something over time. |
| 4. equity                        | d. Went past or became greater than something.                |
| 5. unfathomable                  | e. The first sale of a company's shares to the public.        |
| 6. venture                       | f. Part ownership of a company.                               |
| 7. surpassed                     | g. A business project that involves risk.                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. entrepreneur   | h. Was the first to develop or use something.                    |
| 9. fortune        | i. A strong hope or wish to achieve something.                   |
| 10. netted        | j. Made up part of a total number or amount.                     |
| 11. pioneered     | k. A large amount of money or valuable things owned by a person. |
| 12. accounted for | l. In the end.   |
| 13. aspiration    | m. A person who starts and runs a business.                      |
| 14. ultimately    | n. Earned or received, especially money.                         |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

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

1. An initial private offering made Elon Musk a trillionaire. **T / F**
2. The IPO for SpaceX took place on the London Stock Exchange. **T / F**
3. Mr Musk is wealthier than the next four richest people combined. **T / F**
4. The previous record for an IPO was set in 2019. **T / F**
5. Musk used money he got from PayPal to start SpaceX. **T / F**
6. SpaceX launched a quarter of all rockets launched last year. **T / F**
7. There are 10,000 Starlink satellites orbiting the Earth. **T / F**
8. Musk wants to send just a few astronauts into space. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>initial</b>       | a. constituted    |
| 2. <b>amassed</b>       | b. major part     |
| 3. <b>worth</b>         | c. earned         |
| 4. <b>bulk</b>          | d. opening        |
| 5. <b>set</b>           | e. exactly        |
| 6. <b>netted</b>        | f. piled up       |
| 7. <b>invest</b>        | g. hope           |
| 8. <b>accounted for</b> | h. established    |
| 9. <b>aspiration</b>    | i. put money into |
| 10. <b>literally</b>    | j. valued at      |

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

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. He has amassed                         | a. watering equity in X      |
| 2. He also has eye-                       | b. of rocket boosters        |
| 3. Musk's unfathomable wealth is          | c. record of \$29.4 billion  |
| 4. SpaceX's IPO was                       | d. multiplanetary            |
| 5. It surpassed the previous              | e. almost \$290 billion      |
| 6. He made his initial fortune by         | f. rocket launches           |
| 7. SpaceX pioneered the reuse             | g. the largest in history    |
| 8. It accounted for more than half of all | h. helping to create PayPal  |
| 9. Musk's aspiration is to make life      | i. beyond                    |
| 10. take you to Mars, and ultimately      | j. tied up in stock holdings |

# GAP FILL

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*unfathomable*  
*wealth*  
*set*  
*following*  
*history*  
*individuals*  
*ventures*  
*watering*

Elon Musk is a super-entrepreneur. He made his (9) \_\_\_\_\_ fortune by helping to create PayPal. That (10) \_\_\_\_\_ him about \$176 million, which he used to start SpaceX in 2002, and invest in Tesla. SpaceX pioneered the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of rocket boosters and now dominates the space travel industry. It (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for more than half of all rocket launches last year. The company also has 10,000 Starlink satellites in (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Musk's (14) \_\_\_\_\_ is to "make life (15) \_\_\_\_\_". He wants anyone to be able to travel to space. At the IPO, he said: "Whoever you are watching this, SpaceX wants to be able to take you to the Moon, take you to Mars, and ultimately beyond." He added: "Not just a few astronauts, I mean (16) \_\_\_\_\_ you."

*reuse*  
*initial*  
*multiplanetary*  
*orbit*  
*literally*  
*netted*  
*accounted*  
*aspiration*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

- 1) Musk has become the world's first ever trillionaire following the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. initials publicity offering
  - b. initial public offering
  - c. initially public offering
  - d. initial publicity offering
- 2) The IPO on Wall Street added nearly \$870 billion to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Mr Musk's wealth
  - b. Mr Musk's wealthy
  - c. Mr Musk's wealthier
  - d. Mr Musk's wealthiest
- 3) He also has eye- \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. watering equity in X
  - b. watering equity on X
  - c. watering equity an X
  - d. watering equity annex
- 4) The bulk of Musk's unfathomable wealth is tied up \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in stack holdings
  - b. in stuck holdings
  - c. in stick holdings
  - d. in stock holdings
- 5) It surpassed the previous record \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to \$29.4 billion
  - b. at \$29.4 billion
  - c. of \$29.4 billion
  - d. by \$29.4 billion
- 6) He made his initial fortune by helping \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to procreate PayPal
  - b. to recreate PayPal
  - c. to create PayPal
  - d. to recreate PayPal
- 7) \$176 million, which he used to start SpaceX in 2002, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ingest in Tesla
  - b. invests in Tesla
  - c. invest on Tesla
  - d. invest in Tesla
- 8) It accounted for more than half of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. all rocket lunches
  - b. fall rocket launches
  - c. all rocket launches
  - d. fall rockets launches
- 9) SpaceX wants to be able to take you to the Moon, take you to Mars, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and ultimate beyond
  - b. and ultimatum beyond
  - c. end ultimately beyond
  - d. and ultimately beyond
- 10) Not just a few astronauts, I \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. mean literally you
  - b. mean literal you
  - c. mean literary you
  - d. mean literate you

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

1. How did SpaceX raise money on Wall Street?
2. From where did Elon Musk get \$290 billion?
3. What is most of Mr Musk's wealth tied up in?
4. How much money did SpaceX raise?
5. When was the previous record for an IPO set?
6. What did Musk help to create that helped him set up SpaceX?
7. What did SpaceX pioneer the use of?
8. How many Starlink satellites are there in orbit?
9. What does Musk want to make life?
10. Where does Musk want to go besides the Moon?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

- 1) How did SpaceX raise money on Wall Street?
  - a) an OPI
  - b) OIP
  - c) an IPO
  - d) an IOP
- 2) From where did Elon Musk get \$290 billion?
  - a) Tesla
  - b) PayPal
  - c) X
  - d) Neuralink
- 3) What is most of Mr Musk's wealth tied up in?
  - a) stock holdings
  - b) cryptocurrency
  - c) PayPal
  - d) futures
- 4) How much money did SpaceX raise?
  - a) \$74 billion
  - b) \$75 billion
  - c) \$76 billion
  - d) \$77 billion
- 5) When was the previous record for an IPO set?
  - a) 2016
  - b) 2017
  - c) 2018
  - d) 2019
- 6) What did Musk help to create that helped him set up SpaceX?
  - a) a cryptocurrency
  - b) PayPal
  - c) Tesla
  - d) a boring company
- 7) What did SpaceX pioneer the use of?
  - a) reusable rocket boosters
  - b) space navigation
  - c) rocket fuel
  - d) IPOs
- 8) How many Starlink satellites are there in orbit?
  - a) five thousand
  - b) one-hundred thousand
  - c) ten thousand
  - d) a million
- 9) What does Musk want to make life?
  - a) happy
  - b) perfect
  - c) a challenge
  - d) multiplanetary
- 10) Where does Musk want to go besides the Moon?
  - a) to Mars and beyond
  - b) to the Sun and Moon
  - c) to infinity and beyond
  - d) to Jupiter and Saturn

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – The Sun**

You think the Sun is the most interesting part of space. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Moon, black holes or Mars.

## **Role B – The Moon**

You think the Moon is the most interesting part of space. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Sun, black holes or Mars.

## **Role C – Black Holes**

You think black holes are the most interesting part of space. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Moon, the Sun or Mars.

## **Role D – Mars**

You think Mars is the most interesting part of space. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Moon, black holes or the Sun.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'trillionaire' and 'space'.

<b>trillionaire</b>	<b>space</b>
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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"><li>• following</li><li>• added</li><li>• amassed</li><li>• next</li><li>• tied</li><li>• surpassed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• super</li><li>• start</li><li>• reuse</li><li>• orbit</li><li>• watching</li><li>• added</li></ul>
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# BEING A TRILLIONAIRE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

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.

# BEING A TRILLIONAIRE 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 'trillionaire'?
3. What do you know about Elon Musk?
4. What do you think of someone being a trillionaire?
5. What do you know about SpaceX?
6. What do you know about Tesla?
7. What business would you like to start?
8. What would you do with \$1,000,000,000,000?
9. What will you do to become wealthier?
10. What advice do you have for Elon Musk?

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# BEING A TRILLIONAIRE 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 'space'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you be a good entrepreneur?
15. Would you like to go into space?
16. Why do so many super-rich people build space rockets?
17. What do you think of making our lives 'multiplanetary'?
18. What will space travel be like in 100 years from now?
19. What will tourists to Mars do there?
20. What questions would you like to ask Elon Musk?

# 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) initials  | (b) initially | (c) initial    | (d) initialize |
| 2.  | (a) amassed   | (b) massed    | (c) massive    | (d) massing    |
| 3.  | (a) watering  | (b) tracking  | (c) rolling    | (d) balling    |
| 4.  | (a) worth     | (b) worthy    | (c) worthwhile | (d) worthiness |
| 5.  | (a) holdouts  | (b) holdings  | (c) hold ups   | (d) holds      |
| 6.  | (a) get       | (b) bet       | (c) let        | (d) set        |
| 7.  | (a) iterate   | (b) increase  | (c) initial    | (d) incentive  |
| 8.  | (a) to        | (b) up        | (c) of         | (d) in         |
| 9.  | (a) accounted | (b) booked    | (c) balanced   | (d) profited   |
| 10. | (a) in        | (b) up        | (c) of         | (d) by         |
| 11. | (a) Whomever  | (b) Whoever   | (c) Whomsoever | (d) Whom       |
| 12. | (a) bequeath  | (b) behind    | (c) beyond     | (d) beneath    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. following the iaitnl public offering (IPO)
2. He has msaedsa almost \$290 billion
3. He also has eye-watering uiyeqt in X
4. the world's next four richest iunddialisv
5. Musk's mefnoluatabh wealth
6. It sedpsaru the previous record

## Paragraph 2

7. Elon Musk is a super-nnreereptreu
8. 10,000 Starlink sesaetllit
9. Musk's ritpnsaoia
10. make life eruaniaytmllpt
11. take you to Mars, and aeluytlimt beyond
12. just a few uosnatrtas

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) \$176 million, which he used to start SpaceX in 2002, and invest in Tesla. SpaceX pioneered the reuse of rocket
- ( ) are watching this, SpaceX wants to be able to take you to the Moon, take you to Mars, and ultimately
- ( ) beyond." He added: "Not just a few astronauts, I mean literally you."
- ( ) boosters and now dominates the space travel industry. It accounted for more than half
- ( **1** ) Elon Musk has become the world's first ever trillionaire following the initial public
- ( ) Elon Musk is a super-entrepreneur. He made his initial fortune by helping to create PayPal. That netted him about
- ( ) of all rocket launches last year. The company also has 10,000 Starlink satellites in orbit. Musk's aspiration is
- ( ) offering (IPO) of his rocket company SpaceX. The IPO on Wall Street added nearly \$870 billion to Mr Musk's
- ( ) richest individuals combined. The bulk of Musk's unfathomable wealth is tied up in stock holdings across these business
- ( ) the previous record of \$29.4 billion set by the oil company Aramco in 2019.
- ( ) to "make life multiplanetary". He wants anyone to be able to travel to space. At the IPO, he said: "Whoever you
- ( ) ventures, rather than in cash. SpaceX's IPO was the largest in history, raising \$75 billion. It surpassed
- ( ) watering equity in X, Neuralink, and the Boring Company. Musk is now worth more than the world's next four
- ( ) wealth. He has amassed almost \$290 billion from Tesla. He also has eye-

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. become ever first has Musk the trillionaire world's .
2. \$290 billion almost amassed from has He Tesla .
3. four individuals more next richest than the Worth .
4. across business holdings in stock Tied up ventures .
5. history in IPO largest SpaceX The the was .
6. boosters of pioneered reuse rocket SpaceX the .
7. all half launches More of rocket than .
8. able anyone be He to to travel wants .
9. and beyond Mars, Take to ultimately you .
10. a astronauts, few I just mean Not you .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260615-trillionaire-elon-musk.html>

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**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**



# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

**3. BEING A TRILLIONAIRE:** Make a poster about being a trillionaire. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. THE SUPER-RICH:** Write a magazine article about requiring the super-rich to give more money to help the poor. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 being a trillionaire. Ask him/her three questions about being a trillionaire. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. m    9. k    10. n    11. h    12. j    13. i    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. f	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. i	8. a	9. g	10. e

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Via an IPO (initial public offering)
2. Tesla
3. Stock holdings
4. \$75 billion
5. 2019
6. PayPal
7. Reusable rocket boosters
8. Ten thousand
9. Multiplanetary
10. To Mars and beyond

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Musk has become the world's first ever trillionaire.
2. He has amassed almost \$290 billion from Tesla.
3. Worth more than the next four richest individuals.
4. Tied up in stock holdings across business ventures.
5. The SpaceX IPO was the largest in history.
6. SpaceX pioneered the reuse of rocket boosters.
7. More than half of all rocket launches.
8. He wants anyone to be able to travel.
9. Take you to Mars, and ultimately beyond.
10. Not just a few astronauts, I mean you.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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