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The first watch phone is coming

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Every time you read a newspaper or look at the TV, there is a new gadget. It's like science fiction comes true every day. The latest thing is a futuristic watch phone. The electronics company LG teamed up with the British phone company Orange. They will sell a watch phone from August 2009. People can make video calls and listen to mp3s on this new device. They can also turn text into speech. It is sure to be the must-have technology of 2009.

I'm amazed by new technology. I think companies make great gadgets every year. I think there will soon be a ring phone. Not the sound ring, but the ring you wear on your finger. It would be difficult to put a touchscreen on it. I can't imagine what we'll have in the year 2099. It will be e-everything. There will be e-toys, e-cars and even e-people. Everything will be tiny. Maybe we will need thick glasses to see the controls.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Every time you read | a. true every day |
| 2. science fiction comes | b. video calls |
| 3. The latest thing is a futuristic | c. phone company Orange |
| 4. LG teamed up with the British | d. a newspaper |
| 5. People can make | e. of 2009 |
| 6. the must-have technology | f. watch phone |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. I'm amazed | a. great gadgets |
| 2. companies make | b. be tiny |
| 3. the ring you | c. we'll have in the year 2099 |
| 4. I can't imagine what | d. by new technology |
| 5. Everything will | e. glasses to see |
| 6. we will need thick | f. wear on your finger |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Every time you read a newspaper _____ TV, there is a new gadget. It's like science fiction _____ day. The _____ futuristic watch phone. The electronics company LG _____ the British phone company Orange. They will sell a watch phone from August 2009. People can _____ and listen to mp3s on this new device. They can also turn text into speech. It is sure to _____ technology of 2009.

_____ technology. I think companies make great gadgets every year. I think _____ a ring phone. Not the sound ring, but the ring you wear on your finger. It would _____ a touchscreen on it. I can't imagine _____ the year 2099. It will be e-everything. There will be e-toys, e-cars _____. Everything will be tiny. Maybe we will need thick glasses _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Every time you read a newspaper or look (1) _____ the TV, there is a new gadget. It's like science fiction comes (2) _____ every day. The latest thing is a futuristic watch phone. The electronics company LG teamed (3) _____ with the British phone company Orange. They will sell a watch phone from August 2009. People can (4) _____ video calls and listen to mp3s on this new device. They can also turn text into speech. It is sure to be the must-(5) _____ technology of 2009.

I'm (6) _____ by new technology. I think companies make great gadgets every year. I think there will soon be a ring phone. Not the (7) _____ ring, but the ring you wear on your finger. It would be difficult to put a touchscreen on it. I can't (8) _____ what we'll have in the year 2099. It will be e-everything. There will be e-toys, e-cars and (9) _____ e-people. Everything will be tiny. Maybe we will need (10) _____ glasses to see the controls.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) with | (c) at |
| 2. | (a) truly | (b) true | (c) truth |
| 3. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) on |
| 4. | (a) ring | (b) make | (c) call |
| 5. | (a) have | (b) be | (c) do |
| 6. | (a) amazing | (b) amazed | (c) amazes |
| 7. | (a) sounds like | (b) soundly | (c) sound |
| 8. | (a) imagines | (b) imagination | (c) imagine |
| 9. | (a) even | (b) evenly | (c) ever |
| 10. | (a) sick | (b) tick | (c) thick |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. read a epawesrpn
2. a new edggta
3. seceicn fiction
4. electronics naympoc
5. etsnil to mp3s
6. turn text into pceshe

Paragraph 2

7. I'm zaadme by new technology
8. the ring you wear on your rginef
9. I can't gaeimni
10. Everything will be yint
11. citkh glasses
12. see the csonrolt

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () speech. It is sure to be the must-have technology of 2009.
- () up with the British phone company Orange. They will sell a watch phone from August 2009. People can make
- () I'm amazed by new technology. I think companies make great gadgets every
- () fiction comes true every day. The latest thing is a futuristic watch phone. The electronics company LG teamed
- () on your finger. It would be difficult to put a touchscreen on it. I can't imagine what we'll have in
- () the year 2099. It will be e-everything. There will be e-toys, e-cars and even
- (**1**) Every time you read a newspaper or look at the TV, there is a new gadget. It's like science
- () e-people. Everything will be tiny. Maybe we will need thick glasses to see the controls.
- () video calls and listen to mp3s on this new device. They can also turn text into
- () year. I think there will soon be a ring phone. Not the sound ring, but the ring you wear

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. read newspaper Every you a time.

2. fiction true day Science comes every.

3. with the LG British teamed phone up company.

4. on mp3s to Listen device new this.

5. must The 2009 of technology have -.

6. I'm technology new by amazed.

7. gadgets year Companies great every make.

8. you ring The finger your on wear.

9. what year we'll 2009 have in Imagine the.

10. glasses the We thick see need to controls will.

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. _____

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 more information about the watch phone. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about watch phones. Include imaginary interviews with people who think they are a good and bad idea. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the boss of the watch phone company. Ask him/her three questions about watch phones. Give him/her three of your opinions on watch phones. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.