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Apple iPad on sale in USA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Apple's newest product, the iPad tablet, is now on sale in America. Hundreds of Apple fans waited outside Apple's stores all night. They wanted to be sure of getting their iPad in case they sold out. Some people even flew to the USA from other countries. There has been great excitement about the iPad for months. Unfortunately, customers outside the USA will have to wait a bit longer for their tablet. The first generation tablets have wi-fi, so people can use them indoors. They don't yet have 3G connectivity, so they cannot use them outside.

There is a lot of talk about the new iPad. When Apple's boss, Steve Jobs, first announced details of it, many people were disappointed. Experts couldn't decide whether or not it was something people wanted. To many, it was like a giant iPhone. Whatever happens with the iPad, it makes sure Apple stays as the trendiest maker of gadgets in the world. Sony used to have that tag when everyone had Walkmans. It will be interesting to see how long Apple stays at the top. One company will come along and make something to replace mp3s and iPhones.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Apple's newest | a. be sure |
| 2. Hundreds of Apple fans | b. longer |
| 3. They wanted to | c. waited outside |
| 4. Some people even flew | d. product |
| 5. wait a bit | e. connectivity |
| 6. 3G | f. to the USA |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There is a lot of talk | a. disappointed |
| 2. many people were | b. to see |
| 3. the trendiest maker of gadgets | c. replace mp3s |
| 4. Sony used to have | d. in the world |
| 5. It will be interesting | e. about the new iPad |
| 6. make something to | f. that tag |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Apple's newest product, the iPad tablet, _____
America. Hundreds of Apple fans waited outside Apple's stores all
night. They wanted to _____ their iPad in case
they sold out. Some people even flew to the USA from other
countries. _____ excitement about the iPad for
months. Unfortunately, customers outside the USA will have to
_____ their tablet. The first generation tablets
have wi-fi, _____ indoors. They don't yet have
3G connectivity, _____ them outside.
There _____ the new iPad. When Apple's boss,
Steve Jobs, first announced details of it, many people were
disappointed. Experts _____ or not it was
something people wanted. To many, _____
iPhone. Whatever happens with the iPad, it makes sure Apple
_____ maker of gadgets in the world. Sony
used to have that tag when everyone had Walkmans. It will be
interesting to see how long Apple stays at the top. One company
_____ make something to replace mp3s and
iPhones.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Apple's newest product, the iPad tablet, is now on sale in America. Hundreds of Apple (1) _____ waited outside Apple's stores all night. They wanted to be sure of getting their iPad in case they sold (2) _____. Some people even flew to the USA from other countries. There has been (3) _____ excitement about the iPad for months. Unfortunately, customers outside the USA will have to wait a (4) _____ longer for their tablet. The first generation tablets have wi-fi, so people can use them indoors. They don't (5) _____ have 3G connectivity, so they cannot use them outside.

There is a lot of talk about the new iPad. When Apple's boss, Steve Jobs, (6) _____ announced details of it, many people were disappointed. Experts couldn't decide whether or not it was something people wanted. To many, it was like a giant iPhone. (7) _____ happens with the iPad, it makes sure Apple stays as the trendiest (8) _____ of gadgets in the world. Sony used to have that tag when everyone had Walkmans. It will be interesting to (9) _____ how long Apple stays at the top. One company will come (10) _____ and make something to replace mp3s and iPhones.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) pans | (b) fans | (c) vans |
| 2. (a) out | (b) in | (c) up |
| 3. (a) grate | (b) greatly | (c) great |
| 4. (a) bite | (b) byte | (c) bit |
| 5. (a) yet | (b) still | (c) already |
| 6. (a) firstly | (b) first | (c) firsts |
| 7. (a) whoever | (b) wherever | (c) whatever |
| 8. (a) maker | (b) marker | (c) making |
| 9. (a) look | (b) see | (c) watch |
| 10. (a) along | (b) long | (c) length |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Apple's newest coudptr
2. all htngi
3. people even felw to the USA
4. grate excitement
5. wait a bit lenorg
6. use them ouidtse

Paragraph 2

7. a lot of lkta
8. announced dtisela of it
9. Experts couldn't ddeeci
10. Whatever enphsap
11. It will be iisteetnnrg to see
12. something to acreepl mp3s

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () customers outside the USA will have to wait a bit longer for their tablet. The first generation tablets have
- () interesting to see how long Apple stays at the top. One company will come along and make something to replace mp3s and iPhones.
- () of it, many people were disappointed. Experts couldn't decide whether or not it was something people
- () There is a lot of talk about the new iPad. When Apple's boss, Steve Jobs, first announced details
- () the trendiest maker of gadgets in the world. Sony used to have that tag when everyone had Walkmans. It will be
- (**1**) Apple's newest product, the iPad tablet, is now on sale in America. Hundreds of Apple fans waited outside
- () Apple's stores all night. They wanted to be sure of getting their iPad in case they sold out. Some people even flew
- () wanted. To many, it was like a giant iPhone. Whatever happens with the iPad, it makes sure Apple stays as
- () wi-fi, so people can use them indoors. They don't yet have 3G connectivity, so they cannot use them outside.
- () to the USA from other countries. There has been great excitement about the iPad for months. Unfortunately,

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

1. fans outside Hundreds Apple waited of.

2. getting to of iPad wanted sure their They be.

3. great excitement There about has the been iPad.

4. generation tablets have The wi-fi first.

5. don't have connectivity They yet 3G.

6. new iPad There is a lot of talk about the.

7. wanted it was Whether something or people not.

8. gadgets The in trendiest the maker world of.

9. at how the long top Apple stays See.

10. to something Make mp3s replace.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about miracles for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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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. COMPUTERS: Search the Internet and find more information about Computers. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Computers. Include imaginary an interview with the inventor of the iPad. 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 a computer expert. Ask him/her three questions about computers. Give him/her three of your opinions on computers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.