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## **Letter of the alphabet for 'the' invented**

**11th July, 2013**

<http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130711-alphabet-0.html>

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130711-alphabet-0.html>

A man made a new letter of the alphabet. It is called "the". It is a capital "T" and a small "h" joined together. It looks like a letter from Serbian. He thinks people will like it. He hopes companies will put it on keyboards. He spent \$35,000 on his app for it. You can get it from iTunes. He said it won't change the world, but will be useful.

The new letter is useful because we type "the" very often. People will save time typing one key instead of three for "the". Other words have letters. The word "and" (the fifth most common word) has one. The man thinks his letter will help when the typing space is small. Some companies will not change their keyboards.

Sources: <http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/what-th-one-mans-quest-for-a-symbol-solution-20130705-2pgd8.html#ixzz2YaPHVIWn>  
<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/technology/news/aussie-restaurateur-paul-mathis-invents-new-letter-of-the-alphabet/story-fni0bzod-1226675974506>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130711-alphabet-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. letter of        | a. \$35,000     |
| 2. capital          | b. will like it |
| 3. He thinks people | c. useful       |
| 4. He spent         | d. from iTunes  |
| 5. his app          | e. the alphabet |
| 6. You can get it   | f. "T"          |
| 7. it won't change  | g. for it       |
| 8. be               | h. the world    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The new letter            | a. space is small  |
| 2. we type "the"             | b. of three        |
| 3. People will save          | c. will not change |
| 4. one key instead           | d. is useful       |
| 5. the fifth most            | e. will help       |
| 6. The man thinks his letter | f. very often      |
| 7. the typing                | g. time            |
| 8. Some companies            | h. common word     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the alphabet. It is called "the". (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and a small "h" joined together. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from Serbian. He thinks people will like it. He hopes companies (4) \_\_\_\_\_ keyboards. He spent \$35,000 (5) \_\_\_\_\_. You can get it from iTunes. He said it won't (6) \_\_\_\_\_, but will be useful.

The new letter (7) \_\_\_\_\_ we type "the" very often. People will save time typing (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of three for "the". Other (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The word "and" (the fifth (10) \_\_\_\_\_) has one. The man thinks his letter will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ typing space is small. Some companies will not (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130711-alphabet-0.html>

Write about **the alphabet** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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