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Letter of the alphabet for 'the' invented

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130711-alphabet-1.html>

An Australian businessman has made a new letter of the alphabet. It is a symbol for the word "the". It looks like a capital "T" and a small "h" joined together. However, it looks like a letter from the Serbian language. The man thinks people will like it. People can get it from iTunes. The guy hopes computer makers will put the letter on their keyboards. He spent \$35,000 on his app, but Apple isn't so interested. He said it won't change the world, but will be useful.

The man thinks the new letter is useful because it replaces "the," which is the most common English word. He said people will save time typing one key instead of three for "the". He said other words have symbols. For example, the word "and" (the fifth most common word) has the ampersand (&). The man thinks the letter will help where there is a limit on characters. Computer experts don't think companies will change their keyboards or operating systems.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. letter | a. letter on their keyboards |
| 2. a capital "T" | b. of the alphabet |
| 3. The man thinks people | c. so interested |
| 4. get it | d. and a small "h" |
| 5. computer makers will put the | e. change the world |
| 6. He spent \$35,000 | f. will like it |
| 7. Apple isn't | g. on his app |
| 8. He said it won't | h. from iTunes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. it replaces | a. common word |
| 2. save | b. "the" |
| 3. typing one key | c. time |
| 4. other words | d. systems |
| 5. the fifth most | e. have symbols |
| 6. a limit | f. companies will change |
| 7. experts don't think | g. instead of three |
| 8. operating | h. on characters |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Australian businessman (1) _____ letter of the alphabet. It is (2) _____ word "the". It looks like a capital "T" and a small (3) _____. However, it looks like a letter from the Serbian language. The man thinks people will like it. People (4) _____ iTunes. The guy hopes computer makers will put the letter on their keyboards. He spent (5) _____ app, but Apple (6) _____. He said it won't change the world, but will be useful.

The man thinks the new letter (7) _____ it replaces "the," which is (8) _____ English word. He said people will (9) _____ one key instead of three for "the". He said other words have symbols. For example, the word "and" ((10) _____ common word) has the ampersand (&). The man thinks the letter (11) _____ is a limit on characters. Computer experts don't think companies will change their keyboards (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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
