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Level 4

Samsung unveils new smartwatch

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THE READING

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Samsung has unveiled its multi-function smartwatch – the Galaxy Gear. It is a different digital watch. It can make phone calls, receive emails and take photos. It can also run apps. Users move around different screens using swipes. It comes in six bright colours that give its body a sci-fi feel. The \$299 device will be on sale soon. Samsung beat its big rival Apple to the market. Insiders say Apple will release its smartwatch within a week or two.

There are mixed reactions to the Gear. One was that it is expensive and that it should be under \$100 to appeal to people. \$300 is the price of a smartphone. Another opinion is that the Gear is innovative and a "step into the future". Other people think it will sell well and be very popular. Samsung said its watch was "incredible" and that: "You don't need to get your phone out anymore. Gear takes...your digital world and places it right where you can see it."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Samsung has unveiled its multi- | a. six bright colours |
| 2. It can also run | b. within a week or two |
| 3. Users move around different screens | c. rival Apple to the market |
| 4. It comes in | d. function smartwatch |
| 5. Samsung beat its big | e. apps |
| 6. Apple will release its smartwatch | f. using swipes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. There are mixed | a. into the future |
| 2. it should be under \$100 | b. your phone out anymore |
| 3. a step | c. to appeal to people |
| 4. people think it will sell | d. reactions to the Gear |
| 5. You don't need to get | e. where you can see it |
| 6. places it right | f. well |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Samsung (1) _____ multi-function smartwatch – the Galaxy Gear. It is a different digital watch. It can make phone calls, receive emails and take photos. It (2) _____. Users move around different screens using swipes. It (3) _____ colours that give its body a sci-fi feel. The \$299 (4) _____ sale soon. Samsung beat its (5) _____ the market. Insiders say Apple will release its smartwatch (6) _____ two.

There are (7) _____ the Gear. One was that it is expensive and that it should be under \$100 to (8) _____. \$300 is the price of a smartphone. (9) _____ that the Gear is innovative and a "step into the future". Other people think (10) _____ be very popular. Samsung said its watch was "incredible" and that: "You don't need to get your (11) _____. Gear takes...your digital world and places (12) _____ can see it."

SMARTWATCHES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smartwatches 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.

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)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **smartwatches** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
