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## **Level 1**

### **Xbox One has technical problems on day one**

**26th November, 2013**

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# THE READING

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Microsoft's new games console, the Xbox One, sold more than one million machines on its first day of sale. It sold out in many countries. Microsoft says it is the best console it has ever made. It is happy thousands of fans got their Xbox One. The Xbox One team said it was a "truly a special moment". Microsoft said it would work hard to make more Xbox One consoles. People want them for presents for this season's holiday.

Many Xbox One customers are disappointed. They get error messages when they switch the machine on. An update made the machine "brick" (become useless). Microsoft told users if a machine freezes for more than 10 minutes, they should contact customer support. Someone will help them. Microsoft's big rival Sony also has a new console - the PlayStation 4. It is \$80 cheaper. Gamers are calling it a "pure gaming machine".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1172702/xbox-one-million-consoles-sold-in-24-hours>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/nov/22/xbox-one-microsoft-websites-problems-launch>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131126-xbox-one-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. its first day                | a. hard to make more |
| 2. It sold out                  | b. of sale           |
| 3. the best console it          | c. for presents      |
| 4. thousands of                 | d. moment            |
| 5. it was truly a special       | e. in many countries |
| 6. Microsoft said it would work | f. holiday           |
| 7. People want them             | g. fans              |
| 8. this season's                | h. has ever made     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. customers are                 | a. support         |
| 2. error                         | b. cheaper         |
| 3. they switch the               | c. than 10 minutes |
| 4. if a machine freezes for more | d. gaming machine  |
| 5. they should contact customer  | e. disappointed    |
| 6. Microsoft's big               | f. machine on      |
| 7. It is \$80                    | g. rival Sony      |
| 8. a pure                        | h. messages        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Microsoft's (1) \_\_\_\_\_, the Xbox One, sold more than one million machines (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of sale. It sold out in many countries. Microsoft (3) \_\_\_\_\_ console it has ever made. It is happy (4) \_\_\_\_\_ got their Xbox One. The Xbox One team said it was a "truly a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ". Microsoft said it would work hard to make more Xbox One consoles. People want them for presents for (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Many Xbox One customers (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They get error messages when they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on. An update made the machine "brick" (become useless). Microsoft told users if a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ more than 10 minutes, they should contact (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Someone will help them. Microsoft's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Sony also has a new console - the PlayStation 4. It is \$80 cheaper. Gamers are calling (12) \_\_\_\_\_ machine".

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131126-xbox-one-1.html>

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

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