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THE READING

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Google's boss said Europe should be like Silicon Valley. Many famous technology companies are in Silicon Valley. Technology companies can do business there easily. It is easy to start a new business there. He said Europe should start spending money on "big ideas".

Google's boss has \$62 billion to spend. He wants to help Europe. He also wants to change the world. Other business leaders say Europe must spend money on technology. Teachers want schools to teach technology and coding in elementary school. Kids in Silicon Valley are better at technology than European kids.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/google/11202850/Google-boss-Larry-Page-Europe-needs-to-be-more-like-Silicon-Valley-and-support-technology.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. be like | a. easily |
| 2. Many famous | b. start spending money |
| 3. technology | c. easy |
| 4. do business there | d. ideas |
| 5. It is | e. technology companies |
| 6. start a new business | f. Silicon Valley |
| 7. Europe should | g. companies |
| 8. big | h. there |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Google's boss has \$62 | a. and coding |
| 2. He wants to | b. world |
| 3. change the | c. school |
| 4. business | d. help Europe |
| 5. spend money | e. better at technology |
| 6. teach technology | f. leaders |
| 7. elementary | g. on technology |
| 8. Kids in Silicon Valley are | h. billion to spend |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google's boss said Europe (1) _____ Silicon Valley. (2) _____ technology companies are in Silicon Valley. Technology companies (3) _____ there easily. (4) _____ start a new business there. He said Europe should start (5) _____ "big ideas".

Google's boss (6) _____ to spend. He wants to help Europe. He also wants to (7) _____. Other business leaders say Europe (8) _____ on technology. Teachers want (9) _____ technology and coding in elementary school. Kids in Silicon Valley are better (10) _____ European kids.

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) _____

