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Technology goods to become cheaper

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THE READING

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A new world trade agreement will make IT products cheaper. Over 50 countries will end import duties on 200 IT products. The European Union, China, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and other countries signed the deal. It will affect smartphones, cameras, ink cartridges, video game consoles and even satellites. Import duties will be removed in the next four years. This will affect \$1.3 trillion worth of trade. This is about 7 per cent of all world trade.

The deal will be good for the world. It will be good for consumers, and for companies. The countries worked hard to find the best solutions. The deal will cut costs for consumers and business. It will be particularly good for smaller companies. The EU hopes more countries will sign in the next few years. It said: "Countries around the world can work together to achieve solutions that benefit everyone."

Sources: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/2953092/trilliondollar-world-trade-deal-aims-to-make-it-products-cheaper.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A new world trade | a. worth of trade |
| 2. end import | b. cartridges |
| 3. IT | c. of all world trade |
| 4. other countries signed | d. products |
| 5. ink | e. agreement |
| 6. duties will be removed | f. the deal |
| 7. \$1.3 trillion | g. duties |
| 8. about 7 per cent | h. in the next four years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The deal will be good | a. good for smaller companies |
| 2. It will be good for | b. solutions |
| 3. The countries worked | c. consumers |
| 4. find the best | d. the next few years |
| 5. cut | e. for the world |
| 6. It will be particularly | f. hard |
| 7. sign in | g. benefit everyone |
| 8. solutions that | h. costs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new world trade (1) _____ IT products cheaper. Over 50 countries will (2) _____ on 200 IT products. The European Union, China, Japan, South Korea, the U.S. and other countries (3) _____. It will affect smartphones, cameras, (4) _____, video game consoles and even satellites. Import (5) _____ removed in the next four years. This will affect \$1.3 trillion (6) _____. This is about 7 per cent of all world trade.

The deal will (7) _____ world. It will be good for consumers, and for companies. The countries (8) _____ the best solutions. The deal will cut costs for consumers and business. It (9) _____ good for smaller companies. The EU hopes (10) _____ sign in (11) _____. It said: "Countries around the world can work together (12) _____ that benefit everyone."

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **technology** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
