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Gorilla Glass toughest ever smartphone screen

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Has your heart sunk after dropping your smartphone and worrying about the glass? The glass used to make many smartphone screens just got tougher. Corning, the company that makes the glass, has made it stronger. It is called Gorilla Glass. It has been used in smartphones for many years. Corning has improved the glass to make it more difficult to scratch, crack or smash. The new product is called Gorilla Glass Victus. It can survive drops of up to two metres without any damage. It is also two times more scratch-resistant than other glass.

A Corning spokesperson spoke about the new product. He said: "Dropped phones can result in broken phones. As we developed better glass, phones survived more drops. However, they also showed more visible scratches." He said it was important to make glass that could survive higher drops and be more difficult to scratch. He added that instead of focusing on making the glass better for either drops or scratches, it would be better to focus on improving both drops and scratches. The glass is set to debut on Samsung products "in the near future".

Sources: <https://www.pcmag.com/news/corning-launches-toughest-gorilla-glass-yet>
<https://techcrunch.com/2020/07/23/gorilla-glass-victus-can-survive-a-two-meter-drop-and-is-set-to-arrive-on-a-to-samsung-device-soon/>
<https://www.wired.com/story/gorilla-glass-victus/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. dropping your | a. smartphone screens |
| 2. worrying | b. to scratch |
| 3. glass used to make many | c. resistant |
| 4. It is called Gorilla Glass | d. improved the glass |
| 5. Corning has | e. smartphone |
| 6. make it more difficult | f. to two metres |
| 7. It can survive drops of up | g. about the glass |
| 8. two times more scratch- | h. Gorilla Glass |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Dropped phones can result | a. on improving |
| 2. they also showed more visible | b. scratch |
| 3. make glass that could survive | c. future |
| 4. more difficult to | d. scratches |
| 5. instead of focusing on making | e. on Samsung products |
| 6. it would be better to focus | f. in broken phones |
| 7. The glass is set to debut | g. higher drops |
| 8. in the near | h. the glass better |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Has your (1) _____ dropping your smartphone and worrying about the glass? The glass used to make many smartphone screens (2) _____. Corning, the company that makes the glass, has made it stronger. It is called Gorilla Glass. It has (3) _____ smartphones for many years. Corning has (4) _____ to make it more difficult to scratch, crack or smash. The new product is called Gorilla Glass Victus. It can (5) _____ up to two metres without any damage. It is also two times more scratch-(6) _____ glass.

A Corning spokesperson spoke about (7) _____. He said: "Dropped phones (8) _____ broken phones. As we developed better glass, phones survived more drops. However, they also showed (9) _____." He said it was important to make glass that could survive higher drops and be more (10) _____. He added that instead of focusing on making the glass better for either drops or scratches, it would be better to (11) _____ both drops and scratches. The glass is set to debut on Samsung products "in (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMARTPHONE GLASS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smartphone glass 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **smartphone glass** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
