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Level 2 – 17th February, 2021

IKEA starts selling furniture for gamers

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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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The furniture maker IKEA has a new range of products - gaming furniture. Gamers can buy desks, chairs, sofas and other items that make them more comfortable when they play computer games. IKEA made more than 30 products. One unusual thing is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand that holds your headset. There is also a pillow with pockets for you to put your hands in to keep them warm. IKEA spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help by teaming up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers. IKEA said furniture for gamers was a "natural step" for the company. It wants to attract millions of gamers to its stores. The company said it created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and affordable products and complete gaming solutions". It added: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take the first step on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and taste."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The furniture | a. keep them warm |
| 2. a new range | b. other items |
| 3. desks, chairs, sofas and | c. comfortable |
| 4. make them more | d. laptop maker |
| 5. IKEA made more | e. maker IKEA |
| 6. put your hands in to | f. help |
| 7. It got expert | g. of products |
| 8. teaming up with the gaming | h. than 30 products |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. furniture for gamers was a natural | a. products |
| 2. attract millions | b. affordable products |
| 3. beautiful and | c. and taste |
| 4. billions of gamers | d. our gaming journey |
| 5. the first step on | e. solutions |
| 6. high-performing gaming | f. around the globe |
| 7. complete | g. step |
| 8. people's personalities | h. of gamers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The furniture maker IKEA has a new (1) _____ - gaming furniture. Gamers can buy desks, chairs, sofas (2) _____ that make them more comfortable when they play computer games. IKEA made more than 30 products. One (3) _____ an accessory that is like a big wooden hand that (4) _____. There is also a pillow with pockets for you to put (5) _____ to keep them warm. IKEA spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help (6) _____ with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.

IKEA said furniture for gamers was (7) _____ for the company. It wants (8) _____ of gamers to its stores. The company said it created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and (9) _____ complete gaming solutions". It added: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe (10) _____...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now we take (11) _____ on our gaming journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that (12) _____ people's personalities and taste."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FURNITURE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about furniture 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) _____

