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Company makes smartphone you can repair yourself

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of us have felt the exasperation of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths to deter consumers from opening the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help is at hand. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The founder is Bas van Abel, a Dutch design engineer who set out to make "the world's first ethical smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic principles. First, he wanted to use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Fairphone embodies these aims.

The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy that underpins the company. It says its mission is to motivate "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points out the, "staggering amount of waste the electronics industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is on track to account for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically sourced.

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WARM-UPS

1. SMARTPHONE REPAIRS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about smartphone repairs. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

exasperation / smartphone / consumers / help / design / engineer / raw materials / philosophy / mission / responsibility / electronics / ethical / waste / screwdriver

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. 10 YEARS: Students A **strongly** believe we should use one smartphone for 10 years to help the planet; Students B **strongly** believe this is crazy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. REPAIR: How easy or difficult is it to fix these things? How good are you at repairing them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Easy or Difficult?	Your Experience
Smartphone		
Bicycle		
Hole in socks		
Broken fence		
A leaky pipe		
A broken window		

5. ETHICAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "ethical". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SMARTPHONE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about smartphones at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Price
- Call quality
- Maps
- Size
- The alarm clock
- Apps
- The camera
- The torch

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. exasperation | a. Able to take heavy use, pressure, or damage; hard-wearing. |
| 2. extraordinary | b. Very unusual or remarkable. |
| 3. deter | c. Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these. |
| 4. ethical | d. A feeling of intense irritation or annoyance. |
| 5. principle | e. Be an expression of an idea, quality, or feeling. |
| 6. durable | f. Discourage someone from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences. |
| 7. embody | g. A rule or belief governing one's behaviour. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. philosophy | h. Focus on. |
| 9. underpin | i. Capable of working successfully. |
| 10. viable | j. Following a course that is likely to achieve what is required. |
| 11. point out | k. A theory or attitude that acts as a guiding principle for behaviour. |
| 12. staggering | l. Supports, justifies, or forms the basis for. |
| 13. on track | m. A place, person, or thing from which something originates or can be obtained. |
| 14. sourced | n. To an astonishing or shocking degree. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says everyone feels helpless when a smartphone breaks. **T / F**
2. The article says it is easy to remove the back cover of a smartphone. **T / F**
3. A Dutch engineer wanted to make the world's first ethical smartphone. **T / F**
4. The engineer wants to use no materials from conflict areas. **T / F**
5. The engineer hopes people who like philosophy will buy the phone. **T / F**
6. The engineer wants the tech industry to be more responsible. **T / F**
7. Smartphones account for very little greenhouse gas emissions. **T / F**
8. The Fairphone contains 40 percent recycled plastic. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. exasperation | a. workable |
| 2. deter | b. moral |
| 3. at hand | c. rectifiable |
| 4. ethical | d. within reach |
| 5. embodies | e. amazing |
| 6. philosophy | f. on schedule |
| 7. viable | g. reasoning |
| 8. staggering | h. put off |
| 9. on track | i. irritation |
| 10. repairable | j. includes |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. the exasperation | a. and repairable |
| 2. go to extraordinary | b. amount of waste |
| 3. Help is | c. impact on the world |
| 4. raw materials from non- | d. at hand |
| 5. a product that was recyclable, durable | e. sourced |
| 6. the philosophy that | f. conflict mining areas |
| 7. take responsibility for its | g. of feeling helpless |
| 8. the staggering | h. track |
| 9. technology is on | i. lengths |
| 10. the minerals are ethically | j. underpins the company |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of us have felt the (1) _____ of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths to (2) _____ consumers from opening the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help is at (3) _____. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The (4) _____ is Bas van Abel, a Dutch design engineer who set out to make "the world's first (5) _____ smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic principles. First, he wanted to use raw materials from non-(6) _____ mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, (7) _____ and repairable. The new Fairphone (8) _____ these aims.

hand
embodies
exasperation
durable
ethical
deter
founder
conflict

The Fairphone website outlines the (9) _____ that underpins the company. It says its mission is to motivate "a (10) _____ industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a (11) _____ market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also (12) _____ out the, "staggering amount of waste the electronics industry (13) _____". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is on (14) _____ to account for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone (15) _____ with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically (16) _____.

viable
sourced
massive
track
points
comes
philosophy
generates

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

- 1) Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary _____ consumers
 - a. lengths to defer
 - b. lengths to ditto
 - c. lengths to dater
 - d. lengths to deter
- 2) from opening the back of their phones to _____
 - a. tie DIY repairs
 - b. trial DIY repairs
 - c. time DIY repairs
 - d. try DIY repairs
- 3) He started his company in 2013 with _____
 - a. four basics principles
 - b. four base sick principles
 - c. four basic principles
 - d. four bay sick principles
- 4) First, he wanted to use raw materials from non-_____
 - a. conflict my nine areas
 - b. conflict mine in areas
 - c. conflict my knee areas
 - d. conflict mining areas
- 5) He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, _____
 - a. durable end repairable
 - b. durable and repairable
 - c. durable land repairable
 - d. durable lend repairable
- 6) The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy that _____
 - a. under pens the company
 - b. end a pines the company
 - c. underpins the company
 - d. under pines the company
- 7) It says its mission is to motivate _____
 - a. a missive industry
 - b. a mass sieve industry
 - c. a massive industry
 - d. amass sieve industry
- 8) to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing _____
 - a. affable market
 - b. avatar market
 - c. a vile market
 - d. a viable market
- 9) electronics industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology _____
 - a. is on track
 - b. is in track
 - c. isn't track
 - d. mission track
- 10) The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals _____
 - a. are artistically sourced
 - b. are ethnically sourced
 - c. are ether callous awed
 - d. are ethically sourced

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of us have felt (1) _____ feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths (2) _____ from opening the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help (3) _____. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The founder is Bas van Abel, a Dutch (4) _____ set out to make "the world's first ethical smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with (5) _____. First, he wanted to use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Fairphone (6) _____.

The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy (7) _____ company. It says its mission (8) _____ "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing (9) _____ for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points out (10) _____ of waste the electronics industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is (11) _____ account for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

1. What do smartphone makers stop us from opening?
2. What does the article say is at hand?
3. Where is the founder of Fairphone from?
4. When was the company Fairphone founded?
5. How many principles was the Fairphone founded on?
6. What does Fairphone want the tech industry to take responsibility for?
7. Where does Fairphone say many tech company workers work?
8. What does Fairphone say there is a staggering amount of?
9. What does the Fairphone come with?
10. What does the article say about the minerals used in the Fairphone?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

- 1) What do smartphone makers stop us from opening?
 - a) our wallets
 - b) our minds
 - c) the back of phones
 - d) the doors or perception
- 2) What does the article say is at hand?
 - a) help
 - b) coding
 - c) stronger screens
 - d) screwdrivers
- 3) Where is the founder of Fairphone from?
 - a) California
 - b) Holland
 - c) India
 - d) Apple
- 4) When was the company Fairphone founded?
 - a) 2016
 - b) 2015
 - c) 2014
 - d) 2013
- 5) How many principles was the Fairphone founded on?
 - a) 7
 - b) dozens
 - c) 4
 - d) many
- 6) What does Fairphone want the tech industry to take responsibility for?
 - a) the poor
 - b) its impact on the world
 - c) cyber crime
 - d) weak wi-fi
- 7) Where does Fairphone say many tech company workers work?
 - a) China
 - b) in silicon labs
 - c) from home
 - d) in unacceptable conditions
- 8) What does Fairphone say there is a staggering amount of?
 - a) semi-conductors
 - b) waste
 - c) unwanted phones
 - d) demand
- 9) What does the Fairphone come with?
 - a) love
 - b) a screwdriver
 - c) a 10-year guarantee
 - d) instructions
- 10) What does the article say about the minerals used in the Fairphone?
 - a) they are ethically sourced
 - b) there are rare-Earth minerals
 - c) they are the best
 - d) they are replaceable

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Price

You think the price is the best thing about a smartphone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): apps, the camera or the call quality.

Role B – Apps

You think apps are the best thing about a smartphone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): the price, the camera or the call quality.

Role C – Camera

You think the camera is the best thing about a smartphone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): apps, the price or the call quality.

Role D – Call Quality

You think the call quality is the best thing about a smartphone. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): apps, the camera or the price.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'smartphone' and 'repair'.

smartphone	repair

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• exasperation• lengths• hand• set• raw• aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• philosophy• mission• fact• points• account• plastic
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SMARTPHONE REPAIRS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smartphone repairs 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.

SMARTPHONE REPAIRS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'smartphone'?
3. What do you think of smartphones?
4. How do you feel when your smartphone doesn't work?
5. When was the last time you felt exasperated?
6. Would you ever try to repair a smartphone?
7. Are smartphones too complicated?
8. What do you think of an ethical smartphone?
9. Are you worried about where the components of smartphones are from?
10. How durable and long-lasting should smartphones be?

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SMARTPHONE REPAIRS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'repair'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What damage does smartphone production do to the world?
15. What are 'ethical electronics'?
16. What do you know about the working conditions in tech factories?
17. What would you do without a smartphone?
18. Should we use just one smartphone for 10 years?
19. What do you think of the price of smartphones?
20. What questions would you like to ask Fairphone?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy that (7) _____ the company. It says its mission is to motivate "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a (8) _____ market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points (9) _____ the, "staggering amount of waste the electronics industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is (10) _____ track to account for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone (11) _____ with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are (12) _____ sourced.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) feels | (b) feelers | (c) feeling | (d) felt |
| 2. | (a) defer | (b) defend | (c) depend | (d) deter |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) out | (d) in |
| 5. | (a) principals | (b) precipices | (c) principles | (d) preps |
| 6. | (a) durable | (b) dilatible | (c) defendable | (d) diabolical |
| 7. | (a) undermines | (b) underpins | (c) underarms | (d) underfeeds |
| 8. | (a) viable | (b) voluble | (c) verbatim | (d) verbal |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) out | (c) up | (d) down |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) up | (c) on | (d) down |
| 11. | (a) provides | (b) repairs | (c) comes | (d) attached |
| 12. | (a) ethereal | (b) ethanol | (c) ethics | (d) ethically |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. felt the aepearxtsoin of feeling helpless
2. go to redaotxnirary lengths
3. the world's first thieacl smartphone
4. four basic ricppinles
5. a product that was recyclable, uardble and repairable
6. The new Fairphone mbodiees these aims

Paragraph 2

7. the hioposlphy that underpins the company
8. establishing a aivble market
9. working in cupcetnbaale conditions
10. the agegsrtnig amount of waste
11. greenhouse gas issmienos
12. comes with a esrwdrivcer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () is Bas van Abel, a Dutch design engineer who set out to make "the world's first ethical
- () a viable market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are
- (**1**) Most of us have felt the exasperation of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to
- () materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was
- () DIY repairs. Help is at hand. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The founder
- () for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone comes with a
- () working in unacceptable conditions. It also points out the, "staggering amount of waste the electronics
- () screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically sourced.
- () is to motivate "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing
- () go to extraordinary lengths to deter consumers from opening the back of their phones to try
- () smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic principles. First, he wanted to use raw
- () recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Fairphone embodies these aims.
- () industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is on track to account
- () The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy that underpins the company. It says its mission

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

1. when of break . smartphones exasperation feeling helpless The
2. extraordinary to go seem manufacturers lengths . to Phone
3. back of consumers from Deter the phones . opening
4. company his He with started four basic principles .
5. raw materials from Use mining non-conflict areas .
6. the It that philosophy outlines underpins the company .
7. responsibility for its impact on Take the world .
8. staggering waste of amount the The industry generates .
9. is track Technology account to on for 14% .
10. with comes The a Fairphone for screwdriver repairs .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of *us / them* have felt the exasperation of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to go to *extraordinaire / extraordinary* lengths to *deter / defer* consumers from opening the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help is at *head / hand*. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The founder is Bas van Abel, a Dutch design engineer who *let / set* out to make "the world's *firstly / first* ethical smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic *principals / principles*. First, he wanted to use *raw / law* materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a *product / produce* that was recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Fairphone *embodies / imposes* these aims.

The Fairphone website outlines the *philosophical / philosophy* that underpins the company. It says its *missive / mission* is to motivate "a *missive / massive* industry to take responsibility for its impact *of / on* the world, by establishing a *viable / viability* market for ethical electronics". It highlights the *fact / pact* that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points *in / out* the, "staggering amount of waste the electronics *industry / industrial* generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is *on / in* track to account for 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse *gasses / gas* emissions by 2040." The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically *sauce / sourced*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of us have felt the excitement of finding help when our smartphone breaks. Phenomenal features seem to get extraordinary lengths to deliver consumers from pain through the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help is at hand. Forphenomenal is a new company that has produced self-repairable mobile phones. The founder is Bas van Bommel, a Dutch designer who set out to make "the world's first ethical smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic principles. First, he wanted to slow down materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Forphenomenal models thus are.

The Forphenomenal website outlines the philosophy that underpins the company. It says its mission is to motivate "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points out that, "struggling against the worst of the electronics industry giants". Finally, it says: "Commitment to technology is on track to account for 14 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Forphenomenal comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-percent recycled, and the materials are ethically sourced.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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most of us have felt the exasperation of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths to deter consumers from opening the back of their phones to try diy repairs help is at hand Fairphone is a new company that has produced a selfrepairable mobile phone the founder is bas van abel a dutch design engineer who set out to make the worlds first ethical smartphone he started his company in 2013 with four basic principles first he wanted to use raw materials from nonconflict mining areas he also wanted to make a product that was recyclable durable and repairable the new fairphone embodies these aims

the fairphone website outlines the philosophy that underpins the company it says its mission is to motivate a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics it highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions it also points out the staggering amount of waste the electronics industry generates finally it says communication technology is on track to account for 14 per cent of the worlds greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 the fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable the plastic used is 40percent recycled and the minerals are ethically sourced

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220321-smartphone-repairs.html>

Most of us have felt the exasperation of feeling helpless when our smartphone breaks. Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths to deter consumers from opening the back of their phones to try DIY repairs. Help is at hand. Fairphone is a new company that has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. The founder is Bas van Abel, a Dutch design engineer who set out to make "the world's first ethical smartphone". He started his company in 2013 with four basic principles. First, he wanted to use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas. He also wanted to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable. The new Fairphone embodies these aims. The Fairphone website outlines the philosophy that underpins the company. It says its mission is to motivate "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics". It highlights the fact that many workers who produce technology are working in unacceptable conditions. It also points out the "staggering amount of waste the electronics industry generates". Finally, it says: "Communication technology is on track to account for 14 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2040." The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically sourced.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SMARTPHONE REPAIRS: Make a poster about smartphone repairs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. REPAIR KIT: Write a magazine article about all smartphones coming with a repair kit. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on smartphone repairs. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your ideas on how smartphones could be better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. h	3. d	4. b	5. j
6. g	7. a	8. e	9. f	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The back of phones
- Help
- Holland
- 2013
- Four
- Its impact on the world
- In unacceptable conditions
- Waste
- A screwdriver
- They are ethically sourced

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The exasperation of feeling helpless when smartphones break.
- Phone manufacturers seem to go to extraordinary lengths.
- Deter consumers from opening the back of phones.
- He started his company with four basic principles.
- Use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas.
- It outlines the philosophy that underpins the company.
- Take responsibility for its impact on the world.
- The staggering amount of waste the industry generates.
- Technology is on track to account for 14%.
- The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver for repairs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)