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Disney cuts hundreds of jobs

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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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Disney is cutting hundreds of jobs. Since 2023, it has cut more than 8,000 jobs worldwide. The company wants to reduce costs by \$7.5 billion a year. The latest job losses are in marketing departments. A Disney spokesperson told the Fox Business website: "As our industry transforms at a rapid pace, we continue to [look at] ways to efficiently manage our businesses, while fuelling the...creativity and innovation that consumers value and expect." The CEO of Disney said the cuts would keep the company healthy. He said: "We remain [positive] about the direction of the company."

Disney is one of the most famous companies in the world. It was founded in 1923 by brothers Walt and Roy Disney. In 1928, they made a short film called "Steamboat Willie". This was one of the first cartoons with sound. It was the debut of Mickey Mouse. Disney is now a huge entertainment company. It owns the animation companies Pixar and Marvel Studios, and big names like ESPN, National Geographic, and ABC News. It also has theme parks in the USA, France, Japan and China. It recently announced plans to build a new park in Abu Dhabi.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Disney is cutting | a. losses |
| 2. The company wants to | b. healthy |
| 3. The latest job | c. innovation |
| 4. in marketing | d. rapid pace |
| 5. our industry transforms at a | e. of the company |
| 6. creativity and | f. departments |
| 7. the cuts would keep the company | g. reduce costs |
| 8. remain positive about the direction | h. hundreds of jobs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. one of the most famous companies | a. short film |
| 2. It was founded | b. parks in the USA |
| 3. they made a | c. in 1923 |
| 4. one of the first cartoons | d. of Mickey Mouse |
| 5. It was the debut | e. with sound |
| 6. Disney is now a huge entertainment | f. plans |
| 7. It also has theme | g. in the world |
| 8. It recently announced | h. company |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Disney is one (7) _____ famous companies in the world. It (8) _____ 1923 by brothers Walt and Roy Disney. In 1928, they made a (9) _____ "Steamboat Willie". This was one of the first cartoons with sound. It was (10) _____ Mickey Mouse. Disney is now a huge entertainment company. It owns the animation companies Pixar and Marvel Studios, and (11) _____ ESPN, National Geographic, and ABC News. It also has theme parks in the USA, France, Japan and China. It recently announced (12) _____ a new park in Abu Dhabi.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DISNEY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Disney 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 **Disney** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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