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## Digital currency site removed from Web

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# THE ARTICLE

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Liberty Reserve.com looked like a website for people to change dollars, euro and other currencies into digital money. Owners of other digital cash sites say this system makes it easier and cheaper to transfer money around the world. However, the DOJ says Liberty Reserve was started with the main purpose of laundering money. It says the website was designed, "to help criminals conduct illegal transactions and launder the proceeds of their crimes". It added the site was, "a financial hub of the cyber crime world" that allowed credit card theft, investment fraud, hacking, child pornography and drug trafficking. Many honest people who used Liberty Reserve are now worried they have lost their money.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-22686777>

# WARM-UPS

**1. MONEY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about money. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*websites / money / currency / criminals / money laundering / investigating / disk drives / dollars / digital cash / transfer money / illegal / cyber crime / hacking / trafficking*

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

**3. CASH:** Is your cash always safe? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Cash...	Dangers	How to improve safety
in your wallet		
under the bed		
in a bank		
online		
invested in shares		
in a safe		

**4. CASHLESS:** Students A **strongly** believe a cashless society is safer than one with notes and coins; Students B **strongly** believe notes and coins are safer than digital money. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. CYBER-CRIME:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- viruses
- phishing
- stalking
- identity theft
- hacking
- spam mail
- cyber-bullying
- copyright theft

**6. DIGITAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'digital'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A website allowed people to exchange real money for digital cash.   | T / F |
| b. The website also arranged for people to do their laundry.           | T / F |
| c. Over \$6 billion passed through the website.                        | T / F |
| d. The site was part of the second biggest money laundering case ever. | T / F |
| e. It is more expensive to transfer digital money than real money.     | T / F |
| f. People first started the site to launder money.                     | T / F |
| g. Drug traffickers and child pornographers used the website.          | T / F |
| h. Ordinary, honest people have not lost any money on the site.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. let       | a. places     |
| 2. shut down | b. manage     |
| 3. locations | c. allowed    |
| 4. operated  | d. in history |
| 5. ever      | e. reason     |
| 6. money     | f. worked     |
| 7. transfer  | g. centre     |
| 8. purpose   | h. closed     |
| 9. conduct   | i. move       |
| 10. hub      | j. cash       |

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

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. change real money         | a. investigating        |
| 2. crime                     | b. in 17 countries      |
| 3. police are                | c. purpose              |
| 4. locations                 | d. trafficking          |
| 5. the largest case of money | e. for digital currency |
| 6. dollars, euro and         | f. transactions         |
| 7. transfer                  | g. gangs                |
| 8. the main                  | h. money                |
| 9. illegal                   | i. laundering ever      |
| 10. drug                     | j. other currencies     |

# GAP FILL

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*dozens*  
*find*  
*case*  
*let*  
*crime*  
*down*  
*locations*  
*launder*

Liberty Reserve.com looked like a website for people to change dollars, euro and other currencies (9) \_\_\_\_\_ digital money. Owners of other digital cash sites say this system makes it (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and cheaper to transfer money around the world. However, the DOJ says Liberty Reserve was started with the main (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of laundering money. It says the website was (12) \_\_\_\_\_, "to help criminals conduct illegal transactions and launder the proceeds of their crimes". It added the site was, "a financial (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of the cyber crime world" that allowed credit card (14) \_\_\_\_\_, investment fraud, hacking, child pornography and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ trafficking. Many honest people who used Liberty Reserve are now worried they have (16) \_\_\_\_\_ their money.

*theft*  
*easier*  
*drug*  
*designed*  
*lost*  
*into*  
*hub*  
*purpose*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) a place for criminals around the world \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to laundry money
  - b. tool under money
  - c. to lawn their money
  - d. to launder money
- 2) "dirty cash" from drugs, robberies, etc. is changed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. into "clean money"
  - b. unto "clean money"
  - c. in two "clean money"
  - d. in to "clean money"
- 3) taken \_\_\_\_\_ computers and hard disk drives
  - a. away dozen of
  - b. away doesn't of
  - c. away dozens of
  - d. away dozen soft
- 4) They hope these can help them find out more about how \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Liberty Reserve operates
  - b. Liberty Reserve operated
  - c. Liberty Reserve operating
  - d. Liberty Reserve operate
- 5) The DOJ says this is the largest case of money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. laundering never
  - b. laundering ever
  - c. laundering every
  - d. laundering even
- 6) change dollars, euro and other currencies \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. into digit all money
  - b. into digitalised money
  - c. into digital money
  - d. into digits money
- 7) this system makes it easier and cheaper \_\_\_\_\_ around the world
  - a. two transfer money
  - b. too transfer money
  - c. tool transfer money
  - d. to transfer money
- 8) help criminals conduct illegal transactions and launder the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pro seeds of their crimes
  - b. pro cedes of their crimes
  - c. proceeds of their crimes
  - d. proceed of their crimes
- 9) credit card theft, investment fraud, hacking, child pornography \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and drug trafficking
  - b. and drug traffic king
  - c. and drug trafficking king
  - d. and drug trafficker
- 10) worried they have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lost their money
  - b. lost that money
  - c. lost there money
  - d. lost them money

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

1. Who shut the site down?

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2. What's the name of the website?

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3. How much money was laundered?

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4. What did police take away?

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5. How big was this money laundering case?

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6. Why are digital cash sites good?

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7. What was the biggest reason the site started?

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8. What kind of hub was the website?

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9. What kind of theft did the article mention?

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10. Who is worried about lost money?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

1. Who shut the site down?
  - a) the Department of the Internet
  - b) the Department of Justice
  - c) the Department of World Banking
  - d) the Department of Cyber-Crime
2. What's the name of the website?
  - a) Liberty Reserve.gov
  - b) Liberty Reserve.net
  - c) Liberty Reserve.org
  - d) Liberty Reserve.com
3. How much money was laundered?
  - a) Over \$16 billion
  - b) Over \$6.6 billion
  - c) Over \$6 billion
  - d) Over \$60 billion
4. What did police take away?
  - a) computers and hard disk drives
  - b) suitcases full of dollars
  - c) bags of drugs
  - d) dirty laundry
5. How big was this money laundering case?
  - a) average size
  - b) the biggest in history
  - c) pretty big
  - d) the second largest ever
6. Why are digital cash sites good?
  - a) it's easy and cheap to transfer money
  - b) you get interest
  - c) they are free
  - d) you can launder money
7. What was the biggest reason the site started?
  - a) to give financial advice
  - b) as an investment
  - c) to launder money
  - d) as a currency converter
8. What kind of hub was the website?
  - a) a financial hub
  - b) a hub cap
  - c) a travel hub
  - d) a transport hub
9. What kind of theft did the article mention?
  - a) data theft
  - b) grand theft auto
  - c) identity theft
  - d) credit card theft
10. Who is worried about lost money?
  - a) the website owner
  - b) the police
  - c) honest people
  - d) drug traffickers

# ROLE PLAY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

## **Role A – Credit card theft police**

You think credit card theft is the most difficult crime to investigate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crime isn't so difficult to investigate. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hacking, child pornography or drug trafficking.

## **Role B – Hacking police**

You think BBBB is the most difficult crime to investigate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crime isn't so difficult to investigate. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): credit card theft, child pornography or drug trafficking.

## **Role C – Child pornography police**

You think child pornography is the most difficult crime to investigate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crime isn't so difficult to investigate. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hacking, credit card theft or drug trafficking.

## **Role D – Drug trafficking police**

You think drug trafficking is the most difficult crime to investigate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crime isn't so difficult to investigate. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hacking, child pornography or credit card theft.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

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

<b>digital</b>	<b>currency</b>
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- 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"><li>• let</li><li>• place</li><li>• clean</li><li>• 17</li><li>• help</li><li>• case</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• owners</li><li>• main</li><li>• designed</li><li>• hub</li><li>• child</li><li>• lost</li></ul>
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# MONEY SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

Write five GOOD questions about money 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.

# MONEY DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'currency'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) Do you think digital currencies are a good idea?
- e) Do you trust your money online?
- f) What do you know about money laundering?
- g) Have you ever lost any money?
- h) Do you like the idea of banking online?
- i) What will happen to the owners of the website?
- j) What is the safest way to keep your money?

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# MONEY DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Which currency is the best?
- c) What are the good and bad things about cash?
- d) What are the good and bad things about credit cards?
- e) What are the good and bad things about online banking?
- f) Do you think there are many sites like Liberty Reserve?
- g) Will police ever stop cyber-crime?
- h) Which is better – credit cards or cash?
- i) What three adjectives best describe this news story?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the boss of Liberty Reserve?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |             |                |                |               |
|-----|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) bet     | (b) met        | (c) let        | (d) get       |
| 2.  | (a) down    | (b) in         | (c) out        | (d) up        |
| 3.  | (a) launder | (b) launders   | (c) laundering | (d) laundered |
| 4.  | (a) using   | (b) used       | (c) uses       | (d) useful    |
| 5.  | (a) up      | (b) away       | (c) to         | (d) in        |
| 6.  | (a) cash    | (b) cast       | (c) cause      | (d) case      |
| 7.  | (a) others  | (b) the others | (c) other      | (d) another   |
| 8.  | (a) in      | (b) through    | (c) all        | (d) around    |
| 9.  | (a) purpose | (b) power      | (c) channel    | (d) network   |
| 10. | (a) illegal | (b) legal      | (c) legally    | (d) illegally |
| 11. | (a) shrub   | (b) hub        | (c) chubby     | (d) hubby     |
| 12. | (a) moment  | (b) present    | (c) now        | (d) current   |

# SPELLING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

## Paragraph 1

1. Department of ictueJs
2. arnsilcmi around the world
3. money ueidgnraln
4. aonscotil in 17 countries
5. oesnzd of computers
6. how Liberty Reserve redotpae

## Paragraph 2

7. refrtsan money around the world
8. agelli transactions
9. a ciainafln hub
10. credit card tefht
11. drug kiigftncfra
12. iordwer they have lost their money



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) down by the USA's Department of Justice (DOJ). The site, called Liberty Reserve.com, was a place
- ( ) of computers and hard disk drives. They hope these can help them find out more
- ( **1** ) An Internet site that let users change real money for digital currency has been shut
- ( ) about how Liberty Reserve operated. The DOJ says this is the largest case of money laundering ever.
- ( ) into "clean money" that the crime gangs can use. Criminals laundered (changed) more than \$6 billion
- ( ) using Liberty Reserve. Police are investigating locations in 17 countries and have taken away dozens
- ( ) for criminals around the world to launder money. Money laundering is when "dirty cash" from drugs, robberies, etc. is changed
- ( ) launder the proceeds of their crimes". It added the site was, "a financial hub of the cyber crime world" that allowed credit
- ( ) money around the world. However, the DOJ says Liberty Reserve was started with the main
- ( ) purpose of laundering money. It says the website was designed, "to help criminals conduct illegal transactions and
- ( ) currencies into digital money. Owners of other digital cash sites say this system makes it easier and cheaper to transfer
- ( ) people who used Liberty Reserve are now worried they have lost their money.
- ( ) Liberty Reserve.com looked like a website for people to change dollars, euro and other
- ( ) card theft, investment fraud, hacking, child pornography and drug trafficking. Many honest

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

1. to launder money A place for. criminals around the world

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2. the crime Clean gangs money can that use.

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3. locations investigating are Police countries 17 in.

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4. hope help out They can find these them more.

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5. ever is case laundering This largest money the of.

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6. website dollars for people Like to a change.

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7. this sites it system Digital easier say cash makes.

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8. transactions illegal conduct criminals Help.

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9. crime hub world of the A cyber financial.

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10. are who now used worried Liberty Reserve People.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital\\_currency.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130601-digital_currency.html)

An Internet site that let *users / uses* change real money for digital currency has been shut *up / down* by the USA's Department of Justice (DOJ). The site, called Liberty Reserve.com, was a *palace / place* for criminals around the world to *launder / laundry* money. Money laundering is when "dirty cash" from drugs, robberies, etc. is changed *onto / into* "clean money" that the crime gangs can use. Criminals laundered (*changed / charged*) more than \$6 billion *using / uses* Liberty Reserve. Police are investigating *locates / locations* in 17 countries and have taken away *dozens / dozes* of computers and hard disk drives. They hope these can help them find out more about how Liberty Reserve operated. The DOJ says this is the largest *cause / case* of money laundering ever.

Liberty Reserve.com looked like a website for people to change dollars, euro and *another / other* currencies into digital money. Owners of other digital cash sites say *this / these* system makes it easier and cheaper *for / to* transfer money *around / through* the world. However, the DOJ says Liberty Reserve was started with the main purpose of laundering money. It says the website was *resigned / designed*, "to help criminals *conduct / contract* illegal transactions and launder the *precedes / proceeds* of their crimes". It added the site was, "a financial hub of the cyber crime world" that allowed credit card *theft / thief*, investment fraud, hacking, child pornography and drug *trafficking / jamming*. Many honest people who used Liberty Reserve are *moment / now* worried they have lost their money.

**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)

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\_n \_nt\_rn\_t s\_t\_ th\_t l\_t \_s\_rs ch\_ng\_ r\_\_l m\_n\_y f\_r  
d\_g\_t\_l c\_rrncy h\_s b\_\_n sh\_t d\_wn by th\_ \_S\_'s  
D\_p\_rtm\_nt \_f J\_st\_c\_ (D\_J). Th\_ s\_t\_, c\_ll\_d L\_b\_rty  
R\_s\_rv\_.c\_m, w\_s \_ pl\_c\_ f\_r cr\_m\_n\_ls \_r\_\_nd th\_  
w\_rld t\_ l\_\_nd\_r m\_n\_y. M\_n\_y l\_\_nd\_rng \_s wh\_n  
"d\_rty c\_sh" fr\_m dr\_gs, r\_bb\_r\_\_s, \_tc. \_s ch\_ng\_d  
\_nt\_ "cl\_\_n m\_n\_y" th\_t th\_ cr\_m\_ g\_ngs c\_n \_s\_.  
Cr\_m\_n\_ls l\_\_nd\_r\_d (ch\_ng\_d) m\_r\_ th\_n \$6 b\_ll\_\_n  
\_s\_ng L\_b\_rty R\_s\_rv\_. P\_l\_c\_ \_r\_ \_nv\_st\_g\_t\_ng  
l\_c\_t\_\_ns \_n 17 c\_\_ntr\_\_s \_nd h\_v\_t\_k\_n\_w\_y d\_z\_ns  
\_f c\_mpt\_rs \_nd h\_rd d\_sk dr\_v\_s. Th\_y h\_p\_ th\_s\_  
c\_n h\_lp th\_m f\_nd \_\_t m\_r\_ \_b\_\_t h\_w L\_b\_rty  
R\_s\_rv\_ \_p\_r\_t\_d. Th\_ D\_J s\_ys th\_s \_s th\_ l\_rg\_st  
c\_s\_ \_f m\_n\_y l\_\_nd\_rng \_v\_r.

L\_b\_rty R\_s\_rv\_.c\_m l\_\_k\_d l\_k\_ \_w\_bs\_t\_ f\_r p\_\_pl\_  
t\_ ch\_ng\_ d\_ll\_rs, \_\_r\_ \_nd th\_r c\_rrnc\_s \_nt\_  
d\_g\_t\_l m\_n\_y. \_wn\_rs \_f th\_r d\_g\_t\_l c\_sh s\_t\_s\_s\_y  
th\_s syst\_m m\_k\_s \_t \_\_s\_\_r \_nd ch\_\_p\_r\_t\_ trnsfr  
m\_n\_y \_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld. H\_w\_v\_r, th\_ D\_J s\_ys  
L\_b\_rty R\_s\_rv\_ w\_s st\_rtd w\_th th\_ m\_\_n p\_rp\_s\_ \_f  
l\_\_nd\_rng m\_n\_y. \_t s\_ys th\_ w\_bs\_t\_ w\_s d\_s\_gn\_d,  
"t\_ h\_lp cr\_m\_n\_ls c\_nd\_ct \_ll\_g\_l trnsct\_\_ns \_nd  
l\_\_nd\_r th\_ pr\_c\_\_ds \_f th\_\_r cr\_m\_s". \_t \_dd\_d th\_  
s\_t\_ w\_s, "\_ f\_n\_nc\_\_l h\_b \_f th\_ cyb\_r cr\_m\_ w\_rld"  
th\_t \_ll\_w\_d cr\_d\_t c\_rd th\_ft, \_nv\_stm\_nt fr\_\_d,  
h\_ck\_ng, ch\_ld p\_rn\_gr\_phy \_nd dr\_g tr\_ff\_ck\_ng. M\_ny  
h\_n\_st p\_\_pl\_ wh\_ \_s\_d L\_b\_rty R\_s\_rv\_ \_r\_ n\_w  
w\_rr\_\_d th\_y h\_v\_ l\_st th\_\_r m\_n\_y.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 digital money. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CURRENCIES:** Make a poster about currencies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MONEY LAUNDERING:** Write a magazine article about money laundering. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 the head of the team investigating Liberty Reserve. Ask him/her three questions about the website. Give him/her three of your opinions on digital money. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b F    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. let       | a. allowed    |
| 2. shut down | b. closed     |
| 3. locations | c. places     |
| 4. operated  | d. worked     |
| 5. ever      | e. in history |
| 6. money     | f. cash       |
| 7. transfer  | g. move       |
| 8. purpose   | h. reason     |
| 9. conduct   | i. manage     |
| 10. hub      | j. centre     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Department of Justice
2. Liberty Reserve.com
3. Over \$6 billion
4. Computers and hard disk drives
5. The biggest ever
6. It's easier and cheaper to transfer money
7. To launder money
8. A financial hub
9. Credit card theft
10. Honest people who used the website

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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