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Carlos Ghosn to step down as Nissan boss

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THE READING

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Carlos Ghosn, the well-known business leader, said he will step down as Nissan's CEO from April. The successful Mr Ghosn will stay with Nissan as chairman. He will look after a group that includes Nissan, Renault and Mitsubishi. Ghosn said it was the right moment to step down. He added that after 16 years as CEO of Nissan, he could not bring anything else to the company. He said: "Nissan is profitable, financially healthy, with a clear strategy."

Ghosn joined Nissan as Chief Operating Officer in 1999. He became CEO in 2001. He made Nissan profitable by making attractive new cars and models. His cost cutting got him the nickname "The Cost Killer". Fortune magazine named him as Asia Businessman of the Year in 2002. The magazine also said he was one of the 10 most powerful business leaders outside the USA. He became a celebrity in Japan, where his life story is a manga comic book.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the well- | a. that includes Nissan |
| 2. step | b. profitable |
| 3. a group | c. 16 years as CEO |
| 4. it was the | d. else to the company |
| 5. after | e. known business leader |
| 6. he could not bring anything | f. strategy |
| 7. Nissan is | g. down as Nissan's CEO |
| 8. a clear | h. right moment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ghosn joined Nissan as | a. business leaders |
| 2. He made Nissan | b. story |
| 3. making attractive | c. Chief Operating Officer |
| 4. His cost cutting got | d. comic book |
| 5. one of the 10 most powerful | e. profitable |
| 6. He became a celebrity | f. him the nickname |
| 7. his life | g. new cars and models |
| 8. a manga | h. in Japan |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Carlos Ghosn, (1) _____ business leader, said he will (2) _____ Nissan's CEO from April. The successful Mr Ghosn will stay with Nissan as chairman. He (3) _____ group that includes Nissan, Renault and Mitsubishi. Ghosn said it (4) _____ to step down. He added that after 16 years as CEO of Nissan, he could not (5) _____ to the company. He said: "Nissan is profitable, financially healthy, (6) _____."

Ghosn (7) _____ Chief Operating Officer in 1999. He became CEO in 2001. He made Nissan (8) _____ attractive new cars and models. His (9) _____ him the nickname "The Cost Killer". Fortune magazine (10) _____ Asia Businessman of the Year in 2002. The magazine also said (11) _____ 10 most powerful business leaders outside the USA. He became a celebrity in Japan, where (12) _____ manga comic book.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CEOs FEBRUARY SURVEY

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