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Microsoft blames U.S. spy agency for WannaCry

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-0.html>

Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware attack happened because America's National Security Agency (NSA) stores cyber-weapons. Ransomware is software that blocks computers until the owner pays money to hackers. The NSA helps to stop cyber-attacks. Microsoft said the WannaCry hackers used spying tools from the NSA.

Microsoft said we must wake up to the problem of keeping cyber-weapons. They are as dangerous as missiles. Europe's police said WannaCry hit 200,000 computers in 150 countries. It made many problems for hospitals in Britain. Microsoft told people to back up their files. It said more attacks could come.

Sources: <http://www.investors.com/news/technology/microsoft-lashes-out-over-wannacry-hacks-is-apple-next/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the WannaCry ransomware | a. weapons |
| 2. America's National Security | b. hackers |
| 3. cyber- | c. to hackers |
| 4. software that blocks | d. tools |
| 5. the owner pays money | e. Agency |
| 6. The NSA helps to | f. attack happened |
| 7. the WannaCry | g. stop cyber-attacks |
| 8. spying | h. computers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Microsoft said we must wake | a. in Britain |
| 2. the problem of keeping | b. computers |
| 3. They are as dangerous | c. could come |
| 4. Europe's | d. cyber-weapons |
| 5. WannaCry hit 200,000 | e. up their files |
| 6. It made many problems for hospitals | f. up |
| 7. Microsoft told people to back | g. police |
| 8. It said more attacks | h. as missiles |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware (1) _____ because America's National Security Agency (NSA) (2) _____-weapons. Ransomware (3) _____ blocks computers until (4) _____ money to hackers. The NSA (5) _____ cyber-attacks. Microsoft said the WannaCry hackers used (6) _____ from the NSA.

Microsoft (7) _____ wake up to (8) _____ keeping cyber-weapons. They are as dangerous (9) _____. Europe's police said WannaCry hit 200,000 (10) _____ countries. It made many problems (11) _____ Britain. Microsoft told people to (12) _____ files. It said more attacks could come.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RANSOMWARE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170518-wannacry-ransomware-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ransomware 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) _____

