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#### Level 2

# Microsoft blames U.S. spy agency for WannaCry 18th May, 2017

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#### THE READING

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Microsoft is angry with America's National Security Agency (NSA). Microsoft said the WannaCry ransomware cyber-attack was because the NSA keeps cyber-weapons on its computers. Ransomware is a harmful software that blocks access to computers until the owner pays money (a ransom) to the hackers. The NSA is a military intelligence organization. It helps America's communications and information systems to stay safe. It also stops cyber-attacks against the USA. However, experts say the WannaCry ransomware used spying tools that were designed by the NSA.

Microsoft said governments must wake up to the problem of storing cyber-weapons. It said hackers can steal them and it was as dangerous as stealing missiles. Microsoft's president said: "This attack provides yet another example of why [governments keeping these things]...is such a problem." Europe's police agency said WannaCry has affected 200,000 computers in 150 countries. It made many problems for Britain's National Health Service. Many operations were cancelled. Experts warned people to back up their files because 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.	Microsoft	is	angry	with	America's
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#### a. against the USA

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

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- 2. the problem of
- 3. hackers can steal
- 4. as dangerous
- 5. This attack provides yet another
- 6. WannaCry has affected
- 7. Many operations were
- 8. Experts warned people to back

- a. example of why
- b. them
- c. up their files
- d. storing cyber-weapons
- e. cancelled
- f. up
- g. 200,000 computers
- h. as stealing missiles

## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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#### **RANSOMWARE SURVEY**

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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).

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### **WRITING**

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Write about ransomware	for 10 minutes.	Read and talk about you	partner's paper