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Level 5 – 21st March, 2022

Company makes smartphone you can repair yourself

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many people feel exasperated and helpless when their smartphone breaks. Phone makers go to extraordinary lengths to stop consumers from opening the back of their phones to repair them. A new company has produced a self-repairable mobile phone. It's called Fairphone. It set out to make "the world's first ethical smartphone". It started in 2013 with four basic principles. These were to use raw materials from non-conflict mining areas; and to make a product that was recyclable, durable and repairable. Fairphone incorporated these in its new smartphone.

The Fairphone website outlines the company's philosophy. Its mission is to get "a massive industry to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing a viable market for ethical electronics". It says many tech company workers work in poor conditions. The electronics industry creates a "staggering amount of waste". Fairphone says communication technology will account for 14 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and is easily repairable. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals are ethically sourced.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Many people feel exasperated | a. durable and repairable |
| 2. Phone makers go to | b. basic principles |
| 3. go to extraordinary | c. its new smartphone |
| 4. opening the back | d. mining areas |
| 5. It started in 2013 with four | e. of their phones |
| 6. materials from non-conflict | f. and helpless |
| 7. a product that was recyclable, | g. lengths |
| 8. incorporated these in | h. extraordinary lengths |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. take responsibility | a. is 40-per-cent recycled |
| 2. establishing a viable | b. in poor conditions |
| 3. workers work | c. market |
| 4. a staggering | d. sourced |
| 5. greenhouse gas | e. for its impact |
| 6. The Fairphone comes | f. emissions |
| 7. The plastic used | g. with a screwdriver |
| 8. minerals are ethically | h. amount of waste |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people (1) _____ helpless when their smartphone breaks. Phone makers go to (2) _____ stop consumers from opening the back of their phones to repair them. A new company has produced (3) _____ mobile phone. It's called Fairphone. It set out to make "the (4) _____ smartphone". It started in 2013 with four basic principles. These were to (5) _____ from non-conflict mining areas; and to make a product that was recyclable, (6) _____. Fairphone incorporated these in its new smartphone.

The Fairphone website outlines (7) _____ philosophy. Its mission is to get "(8) _____ to take responsibility for its impact on the world, by establishing (9) _____ ethical electronics". It says many tech company workers work in poor conditions. The electronics industry creates (10) _____ of waste". Fairphone says communication technology will account for 14 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. The Fairphone comes with a screwdriver and (11) _____. The plastic used is 40-per-cent recycled, and the minerals (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMARTPHONE REPAIRS SURVEY

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