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## Google to give free wi-fi at airports

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Google is giving U.S. air passengers a holiday present of free Internet services. The offer is for travellers who fly from 47 American airports between November 17th and January 15th. Google also said it would provide the Internet on Virgin Atlantic flights over the holiday season. Many people think Google is being very generous. However, computer experts warn people to be careful. A wireless connection is very convenient, but it is also dangerous. It is easy for hackers to steal data from computers that are not password protected.

What Google is doing is what the world will be like soon. One day, there will be free Internet connections everywhere in the world. People will not have to pay for the Internet. That will change how we live. Everyone will be connected all the time. This is a great thing. We will have information at our fingertips any time we need it. It's difficult to imagine how this will change our world. Our lives will be quite different. Maybe students will study at home, with the teacher on a video screen and their classmates as avatars. All of this change will be very exciting.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0911/091111-wi-fi.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. air                 | a. connection     |
| 2. The offer is        | b. protected      |
| 3. over the holiday    | c. steal data     |
| 4. A wireless          | d. passengers     |
| 5. easy for hackers to | e. season         |
| 6. password            | f. for travellers |

## Paragraph 2

- |                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. what the world will be | a. our fingertips   |
| 2. pay                    | b. imagine          |
| 3. information at         | c. screen           |
| 4. Everyone will be       | d. like soon        |
| 5. difficult to           | e. connected        |
| 6. video                  | f. for the Internet |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0911/091111-wi-fi.html>

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What Google is doing is what the world \_\_\_\_\_. One day, there will be free Internet connections everywhere in the world. People will \_\_\_\_\_ for the Internet. That will change how we live. Everyone will be connected all the time. This is a great thing. We will have information \_\_\_\_\_ any time we need it. It's difficult to imagine \_\_\_\_\_ our world. Our lives will be quite different. Maybe students will study at home, with the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ and their classmates as avatars. \_\_\_\_\_ will be very exciting.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Google is giving U.S. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ passengers a holiday present of free Internet services. The offer is for travellers who (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from 47 American airports between November 17th and January 15th. Google also said it would provide the Internet on Virgin Atlantic flights (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the holiday season. Many people think Google is being very generous. However, computer experts warn people to be (4) \_\_\_\_\_. A wireless connection is very convenient, but it is also dangerous. It is easy for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to steal data from computers that are not password protected.

What Google is doing is what the world will be like (6) \_\_\_\_\_. One day, there will be free Internet connections everywhere in the world. People will not have to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Internet. That will change how we live. Everyone will be connected all the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. This is a great thing. We will have information at our fingertips any time we need it. It's difficult to imagine how this will change our world. Our lives will be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ different. Maybe students will study at home, with the teacher on a video screen and their classmates (10) \_\_\_\_\_ avatars. All of this change will be very exciting.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) air     | (b) fair    | (c) hair     |
| 2.  | (a) flyer   | (b) flew    | (c) fly      |
| 3.  | (a) under   | (b) over    | (c) around   |
| 4.  | (a) careful | (b) cared   | (c) careless |
| 5.  | (a) hacker  | (b) hacked  | (c) hackers  |
| 6.  | (a) soon    | (b) soonish | (c) sooner   |
| 7.  | (a) paid    | (b) pay     | (c) pays     |
| 8.  | (a) timely  | (b) timing  | (c) time     |
| 9.  | (a) quit    | (b) quite   | (c) quiet    |
| 10. | (a) as      | (b) has     | (c) was      |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0911/091111-wi-fi.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. air nerassspge
2. free Internet eievssrc
3. the holiday oesans
4. warn people to be refulca
5. aerhcsk to steal data
6. sarsdowp protected

## Paragraph 2

7. fere Internet connections
8. gchaen how we live
9. information at our psiirtefgn
10. difficult to eniagm
11. a video cenrse
12. this change will be very igeixnct

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0911/091111-wi-fi.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) Internet on Virgin Atlantic flights over the holiday season. Many people think Google is being very
- ( ) time we need it. It's difficult to imagine how this will change our world. Our lives will be quite different. Maybe
- ( ) What Google is doing is what the world will be like soon. One day, there will be free Internet
- ( ) connections everywhere in the world. People will not have to pay for the Internet. That will change how we
- ( **1** ) Google is giving U.S. air passengers a holiday present of free Internet services. The offer is for travellers who fly
- ( ) live. Everyone will be connected all the time. This is a great thing. We will have information at our fingertips any
- ( ) generous. However, computer experts warn people to be careful. A wireless connection is very convenient, but it
- ( ) students will study at home, with the teacher on a video screen and their classmates as avatars. All of this change will be very exciting.
- ( ) is also dangerous. It is easy for hackers to steal data from computers that are not password protected.
- ( ) from 47 American airports between November 17th and January 15th. Google also said it would provide the

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. holiday . present air Giving a passengers U.S.

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2. fly who Travellers airports American 47 from.

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3. Computer careful be to people warn experts.

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4. warn to careful Experts people be.

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5. computers protected that are Data not from password.

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6. be will There everywhere connections Internet free.

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7. the People have for not pay Internet will to.

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8. live That change we will how.

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9. our at information have will We fingertips.

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10. will All be of very this exciting change.

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

# **WRITING**

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0911/091111-wi-fi.html>

**Write about the Internet for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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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 more information about Google. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the Internet. Include imaginary interviews with people who know what the future of the Internet looks like. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the boss of Google. Ask him/her three questions about Google. Give him/her three of your opinions on how to make it better. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.