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THE READING

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Google's boss Larry Page has said Europe needs to be like Silicon Valley and support technology companies more. Many famous tech companies have their headquarters in Silicon Valley. Mr Page said technology companies could do business there easily. He told a British newspaper that it was easy to invest in science in Silicon Valley, and to start new technology companies. He said Europe needed to start investing in big ideas.

Mr Page said he had \$62 billion to invest in new ideas. He wants to help societies in Europe. He is thinking about how the money can change the world. Other business leaders also say Europe is slow to invest in technology. Top teachers want European schools to teach technology more. Kids in Silicon Valley are better at tech. Many teachers think elementary schools should have coding classes for children.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/google/11202850/Google-boss-Larry-Page-Europe-needs-to-be-more-like-Silicon-Valley-and-support-technology.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Europe needs to be | a. newspaper |
| 2. support technology companies | b. companies |
| 3. have their headquarters | c. more |
| 4. do business | d. in big ideas |
| 5. British | e. there easily |
| 6. invest in | f. like Silicon Valley |
| 7. start new technology. | g. in Silicon Valley |
| 8. start investing | h. science |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. he had \$62 | a. in Europe |
| 2. invest in | b. the world |
| 3. help societies | c. more |
| 4. He is thinking | d. new ideas |
| 5. the money can change | e. for children |
| 6. Europe is slow to invest | f. billion |
| 7. teach technology | g. in technology |
| 8. coding classes | h. about how |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google's boss Larry Page has said Europe (1) _____ Silicon Valley and support technology companies more. (2) _____ companies have their headquarters in Silicon Valley. Mr Page said technology companies (3) _____ there easily. He told a British newspaper that it was (4) _____ science in Silicon Valley, and to start new technology companies. He said Europe needed to (5) _____ big ideas.

Mr Page said he had (6) _____ invest in new ideas. He wants to (7) _____ Europe. He is thinking about how the money (8) _____ world.

Other business leaders also say Europe (9) _____ in technology. Top teachers want European schools to teach technology more. Kids in Silicon Valley are better at tech. Many teachers think (10) _____ should have coding classes for children.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
