



Nvidia (B1 - Lower Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Can you name any of the most important companies in the worldwide tech industry?
2. Do you play computer games? If so, have you ever heard of Nvidia? In what context?
3. Are you interested in AI?
4. Have you ever used ChatGPT? If so, what for?

B – Listen and answer

Read these incomplete statements. Then listen (without reading) and complete them.

1. Nvidia is a US tech company that produces _____.
2. Its present value is _____ trillion dollars.
3. The company has its headquarters in _____, California.
4. It produced the _____ thousand chips that were needed to program ChatGPT.
5. Its co-founder, _____ and CEO is Jensen Huang.
6. Huang was born in Taiwan in _____.
7. His family moved to Thailand when he was _____ years old.
8. Because of his celebrity status, Mark Zuckerberg compared him to pop star _____.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What are Nvidia chips used for?
2. How long ago was the company founded?
3. What were its chips used for at first?
4. What definition does the article give of ChatGPT?
5. Why are US regulators thought to be interested in Nvidia?
6. How did Jensen Huang come to be separated from his parents at an early age?
7. Where are Nvidia chips produced?
8. What happens when Jensen Huang appears in public in his native country?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense.)

1. A _____ is one million million, or 10^{12} .
2. A _____ is a thousand million, or 10^9 .
3. Tom took the silver pocket watch to a jeweller to find out how much it was _____.
4. My father was a really good football player. For many years he _____ our school team.
5. A _____ is responsible for the day-to-day management of a company.
6. We watched as the eagle _____ above the canyon and disappeared into the distance.

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 5)

Choose the correct word in brackets for each space.

A few years after arriving ¹_____ (*to/in/into/at*) the United States, Jensen Huang and his brother were joined by their parents. The family settled in Oregon, where Jensen attended high school and then studied for a ²_____ (*certificate/diploma/title/degree*) in electrical engineering at Oregon State University. It was there that he ³_____ (*knew/met/introduced/looked for*) his wife Lori, who was his lab partner in the introductory classes.

In 2022, the couple donated \$50 million to Oregon State University to help build a \$213 million AI supercomputer complex, ⁴_____ (*sure/ready/projected/due*) to open in 2025. They stated: "We discovered our love for computer science and engineering at OSU. We hope this gift ⁵_____ (*will/shall/is going/could*) help inspire future generations of students also to ⁶_____ (*go/make/feel/fall*) in love with technology and its capacity to change the world."

F – Write about it

Write about one of your country's most successful industrial companies. Mention:

- what it produces;
 - where its headquarters are;
 - when it was founded;
 - who it was founded by;
 - why it is so successful, in your opinion.
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Answers: Nvidia

B – Listen and answer

1. chips 2. 3.34 3. Santa Clara 4. ten 5. president 6. 1963 7. five 8. Taylor Swift

C – Read and answer

1. They are used to train and operate generative AI. 2. It was founded 31 years ago. 3. They were used to process computer graphics, particularly for computer games. 4. It defines it as a chatbot and virtual assistant. 5. Because of its dominance in the AI industry. 6. At the age of nine, he was sent to live with an uncle in United States. 7. They are produced in Taiwan. 8. He is followed by paparazzi and by fans taking selfies and asking for his autograph.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. trillion 2. billion 3. worth 4. trained 5. CEO 6. soared

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1. in 2. degree 3. met 4. due 5. will 6. fall