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Even Samsung, which is in an ongoing battle with Apple over patents, praised Mr Jobs for his "numerous revolutionary changes to the information technology industry. Chief executive officer Choi Gee-Sung: "His innovative spirit and remarkable accomplishments will forever be remembered by people around the world." His death came just a day after Apple unveiled its latest iPhone 4S model.

**Category: Technology / Apple / Steve Jobs**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate**

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## EXERCISES

1. **Steve Jobs:** Briefly, what three things do you know about Steve Jobs? Go round the room swapping details.

2. **Dictation:** The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. **Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. **Vocabulary:** Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. **The article:** Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?

6. **Apple and its rivals!** In pairs, think of five Apple devices. Then add five rival devices. Write them below. Explain the differences between them.

Apple devices	Rival devices
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

7. **Steve Jobs inventions:** In pairs, think of three 'early' inventions that Steve Jobs created. Write them below. How important were they?

1
2
3

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8. **Let's think!** In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **Apple**. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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9. **Let's roleplay: ABC News:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *ABC News TV* studio in New York. Today's interview is about: *Steve Jobs*. 5-10 minutes.

1	Bill Gates	3	President Barack Obama
2	Mark Zuckerberg	4	Choi Gee-Sung

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

10. **Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: ***The many faces of Apple computers***. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation.

11. **Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

**Student A**

- 1) Name the technology companies.
- 2) Who is the CEO of Apple?
- 3) Where is Apple's headquarters?
- 4) Name the Facebook founder.
- 5) Who is Bill Gates?

**Student B**

- 1) Name the chief executive officer of Samsung.
- 2) What had Apple just unveiled?
- 3) What did President Barack Obama say?
- 4) What devices did Steve Jobs create?
- 5) What were flown at half mast?

12. **The iInventions:** In pairs, think of two features on each of the following... Write them below. Which one is best? Why?

iPad	iPod
1	1
2	2
iMac computer	iPhone
1	1
2	2

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13. **Other great inventors:** In pairs, think of four other great inventors. Write them below. What did they invent? How important was the invention?

Inventor	What they invented
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

14. **Let's write an e-mail:** Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: '**Steve Jobs**'.

## DISCUSSION

### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Where were you when you heard the news about Steve Jobs death?
- 3) What do you think about his death?
- 4) Have you got an Apple device? If yes, explain.
- 5) How would you describe Steve Jobs?
- 6) Will you be buying an Apple device in the future?
- 7) How do Apple compare to rival technology companies?
- 8) What do you think of the iPad?
- 9) What do you think of the iPhone?
- 10) What type of computer(s) do you have?

### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) What type of phone(s) do you have?
- 3) What do you think of the iPod?
- 4) What do you think of iMac computers?
- 5) Why are Apple devices so expensive?
- 6) Would you queue for a new Apple device?
- 7) What is the latest technology device to hit the news?
- 8) What gadget will you be buying next?
- 9) Will Apple's rivals now steal a lead on Apple? Explain.
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## SPEAKING

### Let's discuss! Apple computers

*Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1*

Discuss the following:

<b>Apple computers – the past, the present and the future</b>
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The teacher can moderate the session.

## GAP FILL: READING:

*Put the words into the gaps in the text.*

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*innovators*

*tributes*

*visionary*

*bold*

*prayers*

*enrich*

*privacy*

*cancer*

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*rival*

*flags*

*founder*

*impact*

*genius*

*predecessor*

*honour*

*immensely*

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

*Listen and fill in the spaces.*

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## SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	privacy	11	genius
2	visionary	12	predecessor
3	peacefully	13	foundation
4	statement	14	revolutionary
5	cancer	15	accomplishments
6	headquarters	16	executive
7	profound	17	differently
8	insanely	18	innovations
9	technology	19	immeasurably
10	co-founder	20	tributes

### LINKS

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