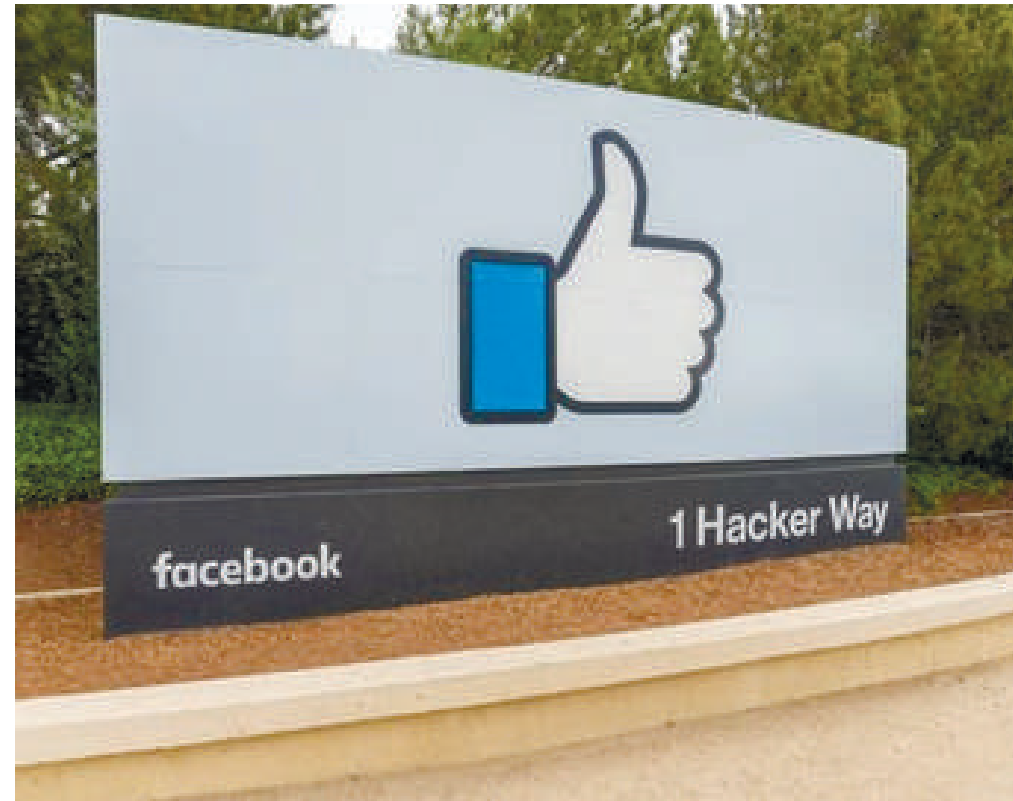


Silicon Valley (worksheet for teens)

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Task 1

a. Look at the pictures. Do you use any of the services these companies offer? Which ones?



b. Where are the headquarters of these companies situated?

Task 2

Discuss the questions.

1. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'technology'?
2. What's your favourite technology company, and why?
3. What are the tech companies like in your country?
4. What do you know about Silicon Valley?



Task 3

Match the words with their definitions. If necessary, use your dictionary.

1. Unforeseen		A. Pleasing to the mind or feeling
2. Executive		B. To progress by large jumps instead of small steps
3. Impact		C. To make something such as an idea, plan, system, or law start to work and be used
4. Gratifying		D. When many different types of things or people are included in something
5. Forefront		E. A person responsible for the administration of a business
6. Leapfrog		F. A limit
7. Innovation		G. A new idea, way of doing something
8. Implement		H. The leading position in any movement or field
9. Boundary		I. The effect that a person, event or situation has on someone or something
10. Diversity		J. Not anticipated

Task 4

Match the halves of the sentences.

1. Our oceans are home to		A. to the forefront of the computer software field.
2. The win allowed them to leapfrog three teams		B. back the boundaries of human knowledge.
3. Companies implement new technologies		C. a rich diversity of species.
4. Scientists continue to push		D. a profound impact on everyone.
5. She believed she had come up		E. to gain second place.
6. The concert was cancelled		F. with one of the greatest innovations of modern times.
7. I have a gratifying feeling because of the fact		G. to stay competitive.
8. His speech made		H. but he's really only half a step above a clerk.
9. The new product took the company		I. that our problem has been solved.
10. Joseph thinks he's a big corporate executive		J. due to unforeseen circumstances.






Task 5

Watch the [video](#). What is special about Silicon Valley?



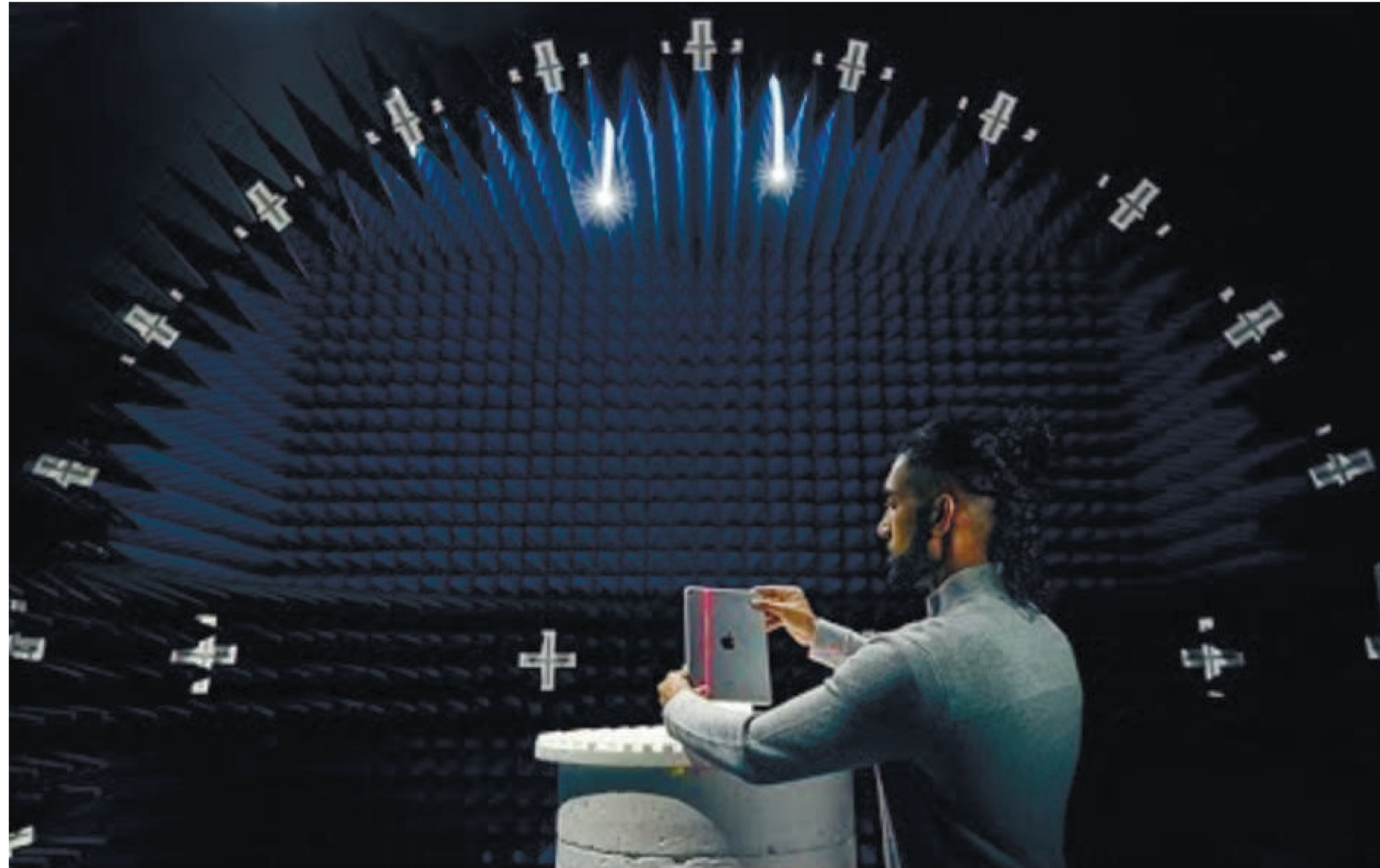
Task 6

Watch the video (till 1:07) and match the statements with the speakers.

<p>1. Google is always at the top of the technology and we always seek the latest novelties.</p>	<p>2. I experiment with new technologies and use them in different ways.</p>	<p>3. While working with these people, I gain a great amount of experience and learn many new things.</p>	<p>4. I am mad about the culture of Google and working here.</p>	<p>5. We have to think of people who use Google. And it is really nice and pleasant for us to have a great effect on Google's 'life'.</p>
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Task 7

Watch the [video](#) (till 1:27). What is special about Apple? What is it like working at Apple?



Task 8

Watch the [video](#) (till 1:00). What are the most important things people like about working at eBay?



Task 9

Discuss the questions with your partner.

1. What makes it easy for companies to do business in Silicon Valley?
2. What obstacles may companies come up with while working in Silicon Valley?
3. What are the benefits of setting up a business in Silicon Valley?
4. What kind of new company would you like to set up in Silicon Valley if the expenses were not big?
5. In which company would you like to work - Google, Apple or eBay? Why?
6. Is there anything you would like to change in that company? If yes, what?



Task 10

Flip the coin. Heads - student A, tails - student B. Choose one of the situations and role-play the dialogue. Student A is the employer and student B is a candidate for the vacant position.

1. A product manager for Google office.
2. A sales manager for eBay.
3. A technical program manager for Apple.

Sample questions of the employer:

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why do you want this job?
3. Where would you like to be in your career five years from now?
4. What attracted you to this company?
5. Why should we hire you?

Sample questions of the candidate:

1. What are the benefits of working in your company?
2. How much vacation do the employees have annually?
3. How is vacation paid?
4. How many hours do the employees work per day?
5. Are they paid for overtime work?

Keys

Task 3

1. - j
2. - e
3. - i
4. - a
5. - h
6. - b
7. - g
8. - c
9. - f
10. - d

Task 4

1. - c
2. - e
3. - g
4. - b
5. - f
6. - j
7. - i
8. - d
9. - a
10. - h

Task 6

1. - e
2. - d
3. - a
4. - c
5. - b

Task 7

Apple people always have crazy ideas to make new things. It is inspiring to work with smart people who care deeply about what they do. People working here drive consistently for perfection.

Task 8

Apple never gives up creating something new that is the best and the highest. If you are hired