

BUSINESS READING, VOCABULARY AND DISCUSSION

A. Discuss

1. What is your opinion of China?
2. Do you think companies from Western, democratic countries are hypocritical and immoral for doing business in China? Why or why not?
3. If you owned a company, would you do business in China?
4. If enough companies threatened to stop doing business in China, do you think this would force the Chinese government to change?

B. Match the definitions with the highlighted words in the article

(Part 1) threaten / claim / hackers / rights activists / accessed / surveillance / feasibility / potentially / intensified / frictions / cyberspace

.....	people who illegally break into computer systems
.....	became stronger
.....	watching carefully
.....	saying you will harm somebody if they don't do what you want
.....	possibly or likely to happen
.....	people who fight for the things they morally believe they should have
.....	the internet
.....	entered, got into
.....	problems
.....	possibility of doing something
.....	suggestion

(Part 2) briefed / allegations / citing / sponsor / accused / undermine / backing / dissidents / censorship / corporations / authorities

.....	quoting
.....	said that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or doing something bad
.....	big companies
.....	supporting
.....	people and organizations in charge of a particular area
.....	informed
.....	to examine books, films, etc and take out anything that is considered harmful
.....	someone who publicly criticizes their government and can be punished
.....	statements that something wrong has been done but has not proved
.....	to gradually make something less strong or effective
.....	support

(Part 3) investigating / indication / compromised / drew applause / bouquets / wary / salty / slang / express outrage

.....	made people respond very positively
.....	nervous and careful
.....	trying to find out the truth about something, such as a crime
.....	very informal language often used by people in a particular group
.....	made weaker or dangerous in some way
.....	rude and dirty
.....	show how angry you are
.....	sign
.....	an arrangement of flowers

.....	stopping; preventing
.....	not allowed; prohibited
.....	saying your true feelings
.....	agreeing to do something, even if you don't want to do it
.....	wider; more
.....	not good
.....	not protected
.....	controlled more strictly
.....	everywhere and deeper
.....	an event or time when important changes happen [= turning point]
.....	position or situation, especially regarding some issue

C. Reading Comprehension

1. Why is Google threatening to stop doing business in China?
2. Was any important information taken from peoples' Gmail accounts?
3. Was Microsoft's Hotmail also attacked?
4. How did people opposed to the government in China feel about Google's threat to quit China?
5. Do people in China think that Google's threat will make the Chinese government change?

D. Post-Reading Discussion

1. What do you think of Google's threat to stop doing business in China? If they do quit China, how do you think this will affect the Chinese government? How will it affect Google? Will it have an effect on other companies doing business in China?
2. Do you agree with internet censorship? Why or why not? Can you think of any situations where internet censorship might be justified?

