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Meta, the company formerly known as Facebook, has shown an online unveiling of its **upcoming** product. Mark Zuckerberg made the announcement of the new Quest Pro, a virtual reality headset suited to working professionals. Quest Pro features many technological improvements over its **predecessor** VR headset, Quest 2. Mainly, the capability to see the real environment around the periphery of the screen, and mixed reality digital content that can overlay the real world. Meta is betting their future on the creation of a "metaverse", a virtual reality world where people are represented by their **avatar**. This representation can then carry out work, conduct business, or explore entertainment. Quest Pro is compatible with Horizons, the current metaverse world developed by Meta. Facebook underwent a rebrand to Meta in October 2021, signalling a pivot towards its perception of the future of interactive technology. To mass-market the device to enthusiasts, Meta showcased enterprises they are partnering with. Microsoft will bring its productivity software Windows 365 to the virtual world. There is high anticipation for **lucrative** VR gaming experiences like *Resident Evil 4*, *Among Us*, and *Marvel's Iron Man VR*. One of the most popular apps on the Quest Store has been YouTube VR. However, analyst Paolo Pescatore said that the tech is being **rushed** to the market and that there is no demand at the suggested price tag of \$1,499. Meta's vice president in a statement said, "The ultimate goal for the metaverse is to feel like any other social experience, great and small".

Q1. _____

Draw a line with "free" written on the left end and "1,500" (in your currency) written on the right end. How much would you pay for the latest piece of mainstream technology? Mark yourself on the line.

Q2. _____

Which bolded words in the text mean:
character - fast - makes money successfully - soon - former

Q3. _____

Comprehension true or false:

1. Facebook made an online unveiling.
2. Meta own Horizons.
3. Facebook was rebranded because Mark Zuckerberg resigned.
4. Microsoft have their own VR headset called 365.
5. YouTube is available in virtual reality.

Q4. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. represent | A. turn |
| 2. suited to | B. desire |
| 3. signal | C. best for |
| 4. pivot | D. on behalf of |
| 5. demand | E. message |

Q5. _____

Spell the words correctly:

Zuckerberg made an **a t n u n m o n c e n e**
 the **b y l c a p a i i t** to see around the screen
 Windows 365 **r v t o d y p u c i t i** software
 there is high **n i a c t i a p o i t n** for
 in a **e t a t m n e s t** Meta said

Q6. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

What is virtual reality best used for today, and what will it be best used for in the future?

Cartoon, or two-dimensional, or a floating body, or something else, what is your favourite example of an avatar?

What piece of tech are you most looking forward to? Or was there ever a time when you were unimpressed by a piece of tech?

Q7. _____

10 C1 revision keywords: underlined in text.