

# EFL ENGLISH CONVERSATION DAILY



[Key words](#)



[Philanthropy or not?](#)

1, strain

2, fierce

3, verified

4, widespread

5, festive

6, sentiment

7, be headquartered

8, philanthropy

9, mere

10, pacify

The morning group continued a discussion from the previous week about the strain on delivery services in Japan caused by increasing demand for online shopping.

To ease the situation, new solutions have been developed including collection points in train stations and at large workplaces, and early and late delivery times. Even drone delivery services are being tested for less accessible places.



Coincidentally, Amazon have just announced pay rises in the face of fierce criticism over low pay rates and poor working conditions that has seen verified reports of some staff living in tents at warehouses in the USA. Reported pay increases range from around 20 to 25 per cent, which is large by any standards.



## Comprehension

1, What new delivery options are there?

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2, What negative publicity has Amazon suffered recently?

Amazon delivery services have been affected by widespread strikes in Europe and a wage campaign for service workers in the US named 'Fight for Fifteen' (dollars per hour).

3, How big are the pay rises?

With the festive season coming soon, anti-Amazon sentiment could be bad for business.

4, What action has affected Amazon?

Jeff Bezos, the Amazon owner, a man worth 150 billion dollars no less, announced last month (September 2018) the setting up of a 2 billion dollar fund to help the homeless and create preschools in America, where Amazon is headquartered.

5, How is the Amazon owner going to share his wealth?

You might imagine such philanthropy would be generally welcomed but given the enormous and increasing wealth of the owner, a mere 2 billion is not going to pacify many critics.

6, Is everyone pleased?



## Conversation

1, When did you last order something online ? .....

2, Which delivery option suits you best? .....

3, Have you ever taken part in a strike? .....

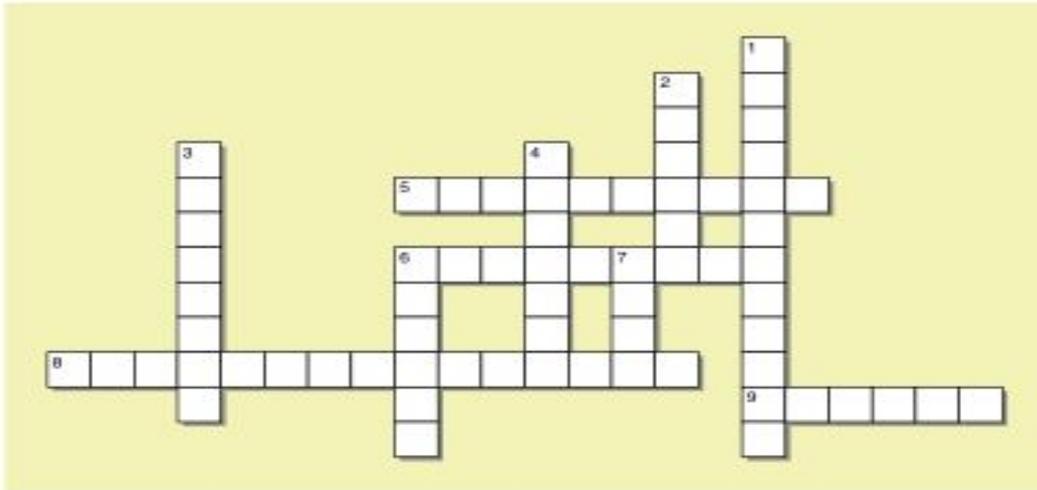
4, How would you improve Amazon's image? .....

5, Do you think drone delivery services will become popular in the future? .....





# Crossword



### Across

- 5. Covering a large area.
- 6. Thoughts and feelings.
- 8. The location of an organization's main office.
- 9. To calm someone who is angry.

### Down

- 1. The generous giving of excess wealth.
- 2. Aggressive and frightening.
- 3. Confirmed as true and correct.
- 4. In the mood for celebration. 'The festive season' commonly refers to Christmas and New Year.
- 6. Pressure or stress felt by high demand.
- 7. A small amount.

Your chance to write...

What would you do with enormous wealth?

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