
Tim Cook Voices EU Concerns to Trump in Personal Call

Description

Donald Trump said he got a call from Apple's boss Tim Cook. Cook was worried about a fine from the EU. The EU told Apple to pay €13bn in unpaid taxes to Ireland. Mr. Trump, who is running for US President, talked about this on a podcast. Apple and Ireland had a legal fight over taxes. The EU said Ireland gave Apple illegal tax advantages.

Mr. Cook told Mr. Trump about a \$15bn fine from the EU. The EU also fined Apple \$2bn later. Mr. Trump said he wouldn't let the EU take advantage of US companies. He mentioned talking to other tech bosses like Elon Musk and Sundar Pichai. Tech companies criticize the EU's rules, like GDPR and the DMA. Apple said opening up their app store could be bad for users. The EU also has a law about Artificial Intelligence that worries tech companies.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Advantages** /əd'veæn.tɪdʒ/ (noun): A condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position.
2. **Criticize** /'krɪt.ɪ.saɪz/ (verb): To express disapproval of someone or something.
3. **Worries** /'wɜ:riz/ (verb): To feel anxious or concerned about something.
4. **Fined** /faɪnd/ (verb): To impose a financial penalty on someone.
5. **Legal** /'li:.gəl/ (adjective): Relating to the law; permissible by law.
6. **Taxation** /tæk'seɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The process of collecting taxes by governmental authority.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What amount did the EU tell Apple to pay in unpaid taxes to Ireland?

- Option: €13bn
- Option: €15bn
- Option: €2bn
- Option: €20bn

2. Who did Donald Trump mention talking to regarding the EU's treatment of US companies?

- Option: Elon Musk
- Option: Jeff Bezos
- Option: Bill Gates
- Option: Mark Zuckerberg

3. What did Apple say regarding opening up their app store?

- Option: Could be bad for users
- Option: Would benefit users
- Option: Has no impact on users
- Option: Is required by law

4. Which tech company along with Apple criticized the EU's rules like GDPR and the DMA?

- Option: Google
- Option: Microsoft
- Option: Amazon
- Option: Facebook

5. What law about Artificial Intelligence worries tech companies according to the content?

- Option: EU Artificial Intelligence law
- Option: International Artificial Intelligence law
- Option: US Artificial Intelligence law
- Option: Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence law

6. Who did Tim Cook express his worries about the EU fines to?

- Option: Donald Trump
- Option: Joe Biden
- Option: Angela Merkel
- Option: Emmanuel Macron

True-False

7. Donald Trump is running for US President.

8. The EU fined Apple \$2bn in addition to the \$13bn fine.

9. Tech companies like Elon Musk have expressed concerns about the EU's rules such as GDPR and DMA.

10. Apple and Ireland did not have a legal dispute over taxes.

11. Apple mentioned that opening up their app store would definitely benefit users.

12. The EU does not have a law regarding Artificial Intelligence.

Gap-Fill

13. Tim Cook told Donald Trump about a \$15bn fine from the EU, and later the EU also fined Apple \$ _____ bn.

14. Mr. Trump said he would not let the EU take advantage of US companies and mentioned talking to tech bosses like Elon Musk and _____.

15. The EU said Ireland gave Apple illegal tax advantages, leading to a legal fight over taxes between Apple and _____.

16. Apple and Ireland were involved in a legal battle over unpaid taxes with the EU demanding Apple to pay €13bn to _____.

17. Mr. Trump discussed the EU's treatment of US companies on a _____.

18. Tech companies like Google criticized the EU's rules including GDPR and _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. €13bn 2. Elon Musk 3. Could be bad for users 4. Google 5. EU Artificial Intelligence law 6. Donald Trump

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 2 14. Sundar Pichai 15. Ireland 17. podcast 18. DMA

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is defined as false or inaccurate information?

Option: Unrest
Option: Influence
Option: Misinformation
Option: Intoxicating

2. What refers to the act of conducting criminal proceedings against someone?

Option: Advantages
Option: Fined
Option: Prosecutions
Option: Tumor

3. Which term relates to progressive damage or degradation of the nervous system?

Option: Translucent
Option: Vascular
Option: Fermented
Option: Neurodegenerative

4. What does the term "wrongdoing" refer to?

Option: Industry
Option: Competition
Option: Wrongdoing
Option: Advantage

5. What is the ability to withstand or endure something?

Option: Survive
Option: Tolerance
Option: Intoxicating
Option: Accusing

6. Which term means to express disapproval of someone or something?

Option: Advantages
Option: Criticize
Option: Harmful
Option: Taxation

7. What term relates to blood vessels or a system of vessels?

Option: Fined
Option: Legal
Option: Vascular
Option: Microstructure

8. What term refers to the exclusive possession or control of the supply of a product or service?

Option: Worries

Option: Competition
Option: Monopoly
Option: Operating

9. What term describes a process involving the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria yeasts or other microorganisms?

Option: Ethanol
Option: Survive
Option: Fermented
Option: Advantages

10. What refers to something typically money awarded to someone in recognition of loss suffering or injury?

Option: Competition
Option: Compensation
Option: Advantage
Option: Taxation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ refers to a state of dissatisfaction disturbance and agitation in a community.

12. If an action complies with the law it is considered _____.

13. Having superior resources or position puts one at an _____ over competitors.

14. The system of imposing taxes is known as _____.

15. When someone blames or charges another person with a fault or crime they are

_____ that person.

16. _____ effects can cause damage or negative consequences to individuals or society.

17. A monetary penalty imposed for breaking the law is known as a _____.

18. An abnormal mass of tissue can be classified as a _____.

19. A type of alcohol found in alcoholic beverages is _____.



20. The arrangement of small units such as cells or grains within a material defines its _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Rivalry between individuals or groups for a common objective or prize defines the term "competition."

22. The alcoholic beverage was so strong and that it immediately affected anyone who consumed it.

23. Power to affect others or events; the ability to have an impact is known as .

24. The explorers had to battle harsh conditions in order to in the wilderness.

25. Having multiple resources and capabilities is one of the of being well-prepared.

26. Persistent concerns or anxieties about potential problems are known as .

27. The company is currently in a highly competitive market striving to increase its market share.

28. The sector of the economy concerned with the production of goods and services is referred to as the .

29. The frosted glass was allowing some light to pass through but obscuring the view.

30. The mushroom's body emerged from the ground signaling its reproductive phase.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Misinformation 2. Prosecutions 3. Neurodegenerative 4. Wrongdoing 5. Tolerance 6. Criticize 7. Vascular 8. Monopoly 9. Fermented 10. Compensation

Gap-Fill: 11. Unrest 12. Legal 13. Advantage 14. Taxation 15. Accusing 16. Harmful 17. Fine 18. Tumor 19. Ethanol 20. Microstructure

Matching sentence: 1. competition 2. intoxicating 3. influence 4. survive 5. advantages 6. worries 7. operating 8. industry 9. translucent 10. fruiting

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