NEW HARDWARE PRODUCTS

1 *Read this product review and answer the questions below.*

Meet the Breathometer – a *keychain*-sized portable breathalyzer designed to work in conjunction with your smartphone to determine if you *are fit* to *get behind the wheel* after *a few* (or several) adult beverages.

The device will *plug* into your phone's *headphone jack* and using the accompanying app, you simply blow into the unit to measure your blood-alcohol concentration. We are told that it will work with Android devices *as well as* the iPhone and there's *even* an option in the software to connect to local transportation services if you are too *impaired* to drive.

a. What product is reviewed? ....

b. What is it used for? ....

c. How does it work? ....

d. What devices does it work with? ....

2 *Can you guess the original title?*

a. A breathometer.

b. Breathometer is the world's first smartphone breathalyzer.

c. A keychain-sized portable breathalyzer.

d. Android devices.

3 *Match the terms in italics in the text with their Italian equivalents.*

a.	keychain	**1.**	*diversi/e*
b.	to be fit	**2.**	*alcuni/e*
c.	a few	**3.**	*così come, come pure*
d.	several	**4.**	*persino, addirittura*
e.	to get behind the wheel	**5.**	*alterato, impedito*
f.	to plug	**6.**	*portachiavi*
g.	headphone jack	**7.**	*collegarsi*
h.	as well as	**8.**	*presa per cuffie auricolari*
i.	even	**9.**	*mettersi al volante, guidare*
j.	impaired	**10.**	*essere in forma*

4 *Read this article on "Ultrabooks" of about 150 words and shorten it to 80/90 words.*

An Ultrabook is a category of thin and light laptop computers designed to bridge the market gap between tablets and premium notebook PCs. Ultrabooks provide more business-friendly features than tablets and more portability than enterprise-class notebooks.

Intel developed the first Ultrabooks in 2011, at least partially in response to the success of Apple's similarly thin and lightweight MacBook Air. Most manufacturers have advertised Ultrabooks as "designer" laptops.

Typical specifications of the first generation of Ultrabooks include:

– less than 20 millimeters (0.8 inches) thick
– high-performance, low-voltage intel processors
– fast storage, typically in the form of solid state disk drives (SSDS)
– long battery life (typically 8 + hours)
– near instant-on and instant-resume capabilities.

Ultrabooks are sometimes confused with netbooks. In comparison, Ultrabooks use more powerful processors and have better video performance, faster storage, more RAM and larger screen sizes.

5 *Use "Google translator" to learn the correct pronunciation of* breathometer, breathalyzer, keychain, beverages, headphone, measure, blood, impaired, ultrabook, performance.

- Artificial Intelligence usually beats natural stupidity.
- Easy to install: difficult to install, but instruction manual has pictures.
- Hardware: where the people in your company's software section will tell you the problem is.
- Software: where the people in your company's hardware section will tell you the problem is.
- Computers have lots of memory but no imagination.