

The story

The tech giant Apple has announced that its music download service, iTunes, is to be shut down. The firm announced the launch of a range of replacement apps at its annual developer conference in San Jose. iTunes quickly became a hugely popular alternative to other music online services when it was launched in 2003, but has lost subscribers in recent years as listeners increasingly turn to streaming services.

Vocabulary**dissolves**

breaks down and changes

- Old technology dissolves into new technology. It's the normal way of things.
- After the revolution, the old government was dissolved into the new one.

phase out

end (something) slowly or in stages

- As cars became more affordable, the horse and cart phased out of society.
- We'll phase out cash in all restaurants and phase in contactless payment.

bloated

too large or inefficient

- After two pizzas, Dan was too bloated to go home. He ate a third while he waited.
- After the merger, the new business was bloated with middle managers.

Language challenge

Which of these words links the contexts of 'water' and 'music'?

- a) melody
- b) trickle
- c) stream

Answer

- c) stream