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Level 1

Black Friday brings out bargain hunters

29th November, 2014

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THE READING

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Millions of bargain hunters across the world went shopping on Black Friday. Stores gave discounts of up to 70 per cent. It is a big shopping day in the USA and it went to Britain four years ago. British police went to four supermarkets. There were thousands of shoppers. Police were worried that shoppers would get crushed. Police worked with stores so sale-goers could get in and out of the stores safely.

Shoppers in the UK were happy. Store workers in the USA were angry because Black Friday started a day early, on the US celebration of Thanksgiving. This is usually a day that people spend with family. Many big stores did not open. There are over 60 petitions on the website Change.org. They want Black Friday to change. They think family is more important than profits. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' Facebook page has 114,000 likes.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2851919/Early-bird-backlash-Thanksgiving-store-opening-hours-spark-fury-employees-shoppers.html#ixzz3KLBfuwFf>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-30241459>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Millions of bargain | a. worried |
| 2. across the | b. on Black Friday |
| 3. went shopping | c. years ago |
| 4. discounts of up | d. get crushed |
| 5. it went to Britain four | e. hunters |
| 6. Police were | f. the stores safely |
| 7. shoppers would | g. world |
| 8. get in and out of | h. to 70 per cent |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Shoppers in the UK | a. website Change.org |
| 2. Store | b. of Thanksgiving |
| 3. Black Friday started | c. important than profits |
| 4. the US celebration | d. workers |
| 5. a day that people | e. Facebook page |
| 6. over 60 petitions on the | f. were happy |
| 7. They think family is more | g. spend with family |
| 8. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' | h. a day early |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Millions of (1) _____ the world went shopping on Black Friday. Stores (2) _____ up to 70 per cent. It is a (3) _____ in the USA and it went to Britain four years ago. British (4) _____ supermarkets. There were (5) _____. Police were worried that shoppers would get crushed. Police worked with stores so sale-goers could (6) _____ the stores safely.

Shoppers in (7) _____. Store workers in the USA were angry because Black Friday (8) _____, on the US celebration of Thanksgiving. This (9) _____ that people spend with family. Many big stores did not open. There are (10) _____ on the website Change.org. They want Black Friday to change. They think family is (11) _____ than profits. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' Facebook page has (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **shopping** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
