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## Level 5

### All New York prisoners to get free tablet computer

3rd February, 2018

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# THE READING

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Prisoners in the U.S. state of New York will get free tablet computers. The 54,700 free tablets are from a private communications contractor working with New York's prisons. The tablets will not be Internet-enabled. Prisoners will get limited, but monitored, online access by plugging into special kiosks at specific times. Prisoners will be allowed to email an approved list of family and friends. They can order certain music, books and videos, and write about reports of abuse. All of these activities will be carefully checked by prison staff.

Prisoner support services welcomed the free tablet project. They called it a "huge step forward". A New York State official said the tablets would help prisoners stay closer to their families. It would lower tensions between prisoners and guards. However, police officers are questioning why convicts are getting free tablets. Some said it was a good example of how crime pays. A top police officer said prisoners shouldn't get free tablets when other people in society are struggling. He said: "Little is done for the homeless, mentally ill, and hard-working people who can't afford tablets."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180203-tablet-computers-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a private communications | a. of abuse              |
| 2. Internet-                | b. access                |
| 3. online                   | c. by prison staff       |
| 4. at specific              | d. contractor            |
| 5. email an approved list   | e. enabled               |
| 6. They can order           | f. of family and friends |
| 7. write about reports      | g. times                 |
| 8. carefully checked        | h. certain music         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Prisoner support           | a. for the homeless     |
| 2. They called it a huge      | b. to their families    |
| 3. help prisoners stay closer | c. questioning why      |
| 4. lower tensions between     | d. working people       |
| 5. police officers are        | e. step forward         |
| 6. other people in society    | f. services             |
| 7. Little is done             | g. prisoners and guards |
| 8. hard-                      | h. are struggling       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PRISONERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180203-tablet-computers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prisoners in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

