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'Eco-warriors' blamed for UK airport shutdown

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A drone shut down England's second largest airport for 30 hours earlier this week. Police are hunting for the people who operated the drone. The police believe these people are "eco-warriors". These are activists who take part in protests or take action to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone prevented flights from leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was forced to close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers have been affected. Many of them were trying to fly home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find flights from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding gate.

The British government is now talking about the actions it can take if other people use drones to cause chaos. They are worried people could use drones to attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important buildings. Police said they were in "a game of cat and mouse" with the drone. They said: "Each time we believe we got close to the operator, the drone disappears; when we look to reopen the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. Hundreds of police officers and the British Army helped to find the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are worried a drone could cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could face up to five years in jail.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/12/20/678579115/gatwick-airport-shuts-down-due-to-drones-flying-near-runway>
<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/612656/its-only-a-matter-of-time-before-a-drone-takes-down-a-passenger-plane/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-sussex-46640033>

WARM-UPS

1. AIRPORTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about airports. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

drone / shutdown / eco-warriors / protest / awareness / environment / runway / plane chaos / nuclear power / cat and mouse / police officers / passengers / crash / jail

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BANNED: Students A **strongly** believe drones should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DRONES: How useful are drones? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Useful?	Why?
Photography		
Military		
Deliveries		
Emergencies		
Taxis		
Hobbies		

5. POLICE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "police". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. AIRPORTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about airports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The buildings
- The staff
- The shops
- The restaurants
- The boarding gate
- The excitement
- Baggage claim
- Other travellers

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. hunting | a. Controlled the functioning of a machine, process, or system. |
| 2. operated | b. Express an objection to what someone has said or done. |
| 3. activist | c. A traveler on a ship, bus, train, airplane (or in a car or taxi) but not the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 4. protest | d. A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change. |
| 5. awareness | e. Stopped someone from doing something or from something happening. |
| 6. prevented | f. Searching really hard for someone or something. |
| 7. passenger | g. Knowledge of a situation or fact. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. chaos | h. A situation in which people keep trying to beat each other. |
| 9. cat and mouse | i. To stop existing or being in use. |
| 10. disappear | j. Be ready to tackle and deal with a problem of bad situation. |
| 11. reopen | k. Appear or come again. |
| 12. reappear | l. Open again. |
| 13. crash | m. Total unrest and confusion. |
| 14. face | n. Hit another car, bus, train, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A drone shut down a major UK airport for three hours. **T / F**
- b. Police say eco-warriors attacked the UK's Heathrow Airport with a drone. **T / F**
- c. More than 120,000 passengers were affected by the drone attack. **T / F**
- d. No one spent more than eight hours sitting on a plane at the airport. **T / F**
- e. Britain is worried a drone could attack a nuclear power station. **T / F**
- f. The police used a cat and a mouse to find the drone. **T / F**
- g. The drone reappeared every time police tried to reopen the airfield. **T / F**
- h. The operator of the drone could go to prison for five years. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. shut down | a. occurred |
| 2. hunting | b. protestors |
| 3. activists | c. travellers |
| 4. prevented | d. havoc |
| 5. passengers | e. searching |
| 6. actions | f. near |
| 7. chaos | g. closed |
| 8. close to | h. prison |
| 9. happened | i. stopped |
| 10. jail | j. steps |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. A drone shut down England's second | a. environmental problems |
| 2. Police are hunting for the people who | b. and mouse |
| 3. raise awareness of | c. from other airports |
| 4. The airport was forced to | d. to attack airports |
| 5. find flights | e. operated the drone |
| 6. talking about the actions | f. a plane to crash |
| 7. people could use drones | g. close its runway |
| 8. a game of cat | h. five years in jail |
| 9. a drone could cause | i. largest airport |
| 10. face up to | j. it can take |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A drone shut down England's second largest airport for 30 hours (1) _____ this week. Police are hunting for the people who operated the drone. The police (2) _____ these people are "eco-warriors". These are activists who take part in protests or take (3) _____ to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone prevented flights from (4) _____ the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was forced to close its (5) _____. Over 120,000 travellers have been affected. Many of them were trying to fly (6) _____ for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find (7) _____ from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding (8) _____.

leaving
earlier
flights
runway
action
gate
believe
home

The British government is now talking about the (7) _____ it can take if other people use drones to cause (8) _____. They are worried people could use drones to attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important (9) _____. Police said they were in "a game of cat and (10) _____" with the drone. They said: "Each time we believe we got close to the operator, the drone disappears; when we look to (11) _____ the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. Hundreds of police officers and the British Army helped to (12) _____ the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are worried a drone could cause a plane to (13) _____. The operator of the drone could face up to five years in (14) _____.

buildings
chaos
crash
reopen
jail
actions
mouse
find

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

- 1) shut down England's second largest airport for 30 hours _____
 - a. early a these weeks
 - b. earlier this week
 - c. early a this week
 - d. earlier this weeks
- 2) These are activists who take part in protests or take action to _____
 - a. rise awareness
 - b. risen awareness
 - c. arise awareness
 - d. raise awareness
- 3) Over 120,000 travellers have _____
 - a. been affect it
 - b. been effect it
 - c. been reflected
 - d. been affected
- 4) Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find flights from _____
 - a. another airport
 - b. other airports
 - c. others airports
 - d. other airport
- 5) Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the _____
 - a. board in gate
 - b. bored in gate
 - c. bored in gate
 - d. boarding gate
- 6) talking about the actions it can take if other people use drones to _____
 - a. cause chaos
 - b. causes chaos
 - c. caused chaos
 - d. course chaos
- 7) use drones to attack airports, nuclear power stations and other _____
 - a. importance buildings
 - b. important buildings
 - c. importantly buildings
 - d. impotent buildings
- 8) Each time we believe we got close to the operator, the _____
 - a. drone disappearance
 - b. drone this appears
 - c. drone disappears
 - d. drone disappear
- 9) The police are worried a drone could cause a _____
 - a. plane to crash
 - b. plane to cache
 - c. plane to crashes
 - d. plain to crash
- 10) The operator of the drone could face up to five _____
 - a. years on jail
 - b. years an jail
 - c. years injure
 - d. years in jail

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A drone shut down England's second (1) _____ 30 hours earlier this week. Police (2) _____ the people who operated the drone. The police believe these people are "eco-warriors". These are activists who take part in protests or take (3) _____ awareness of environmental problems. The drone prevented flights from leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was (4) _____ its runway. Over 120,000 travellers have been affected. Many of them were trying to fly home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or (5) _____ flights from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane (6) _____ gate.

The British government (7) _____ about the actions it can take if other people use drones (8) _____. They are worried people could use drones to attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important buildings. Police said they were in "a (9) _____ and mouse" with the drone. They said: "Each time we believe we got close to the operator, the drone disappears; when we (10) _____ the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. Hundreds of police officers and the British Army (11) _____ the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are worried a drone could cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could (12) _____ five years in jail.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

1. For how long was the airport shut?
2. Who did police say might be behind the drone attack?
3. On what days was the airport attacked?
4. How many passengers were affected by the drone attack?
5. For how long did some passengers sit on a plane at a boarding gate?
6. What does the British government want to stop drones from causing?
7. What game did the police say they played with the drone operator?
8. Who helped the police to try to find the drone operator?
9. What are the police worried might happen to a plane?
10. How long could the operator of the drone spend in jail?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

- 1) For how long was the airport shut?
 - a) 40 hours
 - b) 35 hours
 - c) 25 hours
 - d) 30 hours
- 2) Who did police say might be behind the drone attack?
 - a) terrorists
 - b) eco-warriors
 - c) peace activists
 - d) an anti-aviation group
- 3) On what days was the airport attacked?
 - a) Thursday and Friday
 - b) Tuesday and Wednesday
 - c) Wednesday and Thursday
 - d) Tuesday and Thursday
- 4) How many passengers were affected by the drone attack?
 - a) over 120,000
 - b) exactly 120,000
 - c) about 120,000
 - d) just under 120,000
- 5) For how long did some passengers sit on a plane at a boarding gate?
 - a) 8 hours
 - b) 6 hours
 - c) 9 hours
 - d) 7 hours
- 6) What does the British government want to stop drones from causing?
 - a) wars
 - b) chaos
 - c) noise
 - d) pollution
- 7) What game did the police say they played with the drone operator?
 - a) chess
 - b) dominoes
 - c) kiss chase
 - d) cat and mouse
- 8) Who helped the police to try to find the drone operator?
 - a) the British Army
 - b) Interpol
 - c) the FBI
 - d) British Airways
- 9) What are the police worried might happen to a plane?
 - a) one might be stolen
 - b) one might destroy a drone
 - c) one might crash
 - d) one might not take off
- 10) How long could the operator of the drone spend in jail?
 - a) 50 years
 - b) 5 years
 - c) 5 1/2 years
 - d) 6 years

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Buildings

You think the buildings are the best things about airports. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): shops, other travellers or the boarding gate.

Role B – The Shops

You think the shops are the best things about airports. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buildings, other travellers or the boarding gate.

Role C – Other Travellers

You think other travellers are the best things about airports. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): shops, buildings or the boarding gate.

Role D – The Boarding Gate

You think the boarding gate is the best thing about airports. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): shops, other travellers or buildings.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'drone' and 'airport'.

drone	airport

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• earlier• hunting• part• forced• sleep• gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chaos• power• game• look• many• five
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AIRPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airports 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.

AIRPORTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'drone'?
3. What do you know about drones?
4. What do you think of a drone shutting down a major airport?
5. How dangerous are drones?
6. Why couldn't the police deal with the drone?
7. What would you do if you had to sleep on an airport floor?
8. What do you know about eco-warriors?
9. Would you become an eco-warrior?
10. What environmental problems do you care about most?

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AIRPORTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'airport'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would you use a drone for?
15. How will drones help us in the future?
16. What buildings could drones attack?
17. Why couldn't the British police get the drone operator?
18. How can airports stop drones from hitting airplanes?
19. Is five years in jail enough for shutting down an airport?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UK police?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A drone shut down England's second (1) _____ airport for 30 hours earlier this week. Police are (2) _____ for the people who operated the drone. The police believe these people are "eco-warriors". These are activists who take part (3) _____ protests or take action to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone (4) _____ flights from leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was forced to close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers have been (5) _____. Many of them were trying to fly home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find (6) _____ from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding gate.

The British government is now talking about the actions it can (7) _____ if other people use drones to cause chaos. They are worried people could use drones to attack airports, nuclear (8) _____ stations and other important buildings. Police said they were in "a game of cat and (9) _____" with the drone. They said: "Each time we believe we got (10) _____ to the operator, the drone disappears; when we look to reopen the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. Hundreds of police officers and the British Army helped to find the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are worried a drone could (11) _____ a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could (12) _____ up to five years in jail.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) largest | (b) large | (c) largesse | (d) largely |
| 2. | (a) hunters | (b) hunted | (c) hunting | (d) hunt |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) of |
| 4. | (a) preventing | (b) prevents | (c) prevention | (d) prevented |
| 5. | (a) affected | (b) affective | (c) affects | (d) affect |
| 6. | (a) flies | (b) flights | (c) fliers | (d) flight |
| 7. | (a) fake | (b) make | (c) bake | (d) take |
| 8. | (a) powerful | (b) power | (c) powers | (d) powered |
| 9. | (a) dog | (b) elephant | (c) mouse | (d) chicken |
| 10. | (a) already | (b) still | (c) open | (d) close |
| 11. | (a) case | (b) cease | (c) crease | (d) cause |
| 12. | (a) farce | (b) face | (c) fact | (d) facial |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

Paragraph 1

1. for 30 hours rlaier this week
2. the people who eerodtpa the drone
3. staiivsct who take part in protests
4. raise asawenser
5. The airport was drcoef to close its runway
6. near the noibdgar gate

Paragraph 2

7. use drones to cause oahcs
8. eulcnra power stations
9. other important nibdligsu
10. the drone aspreprea again
11. Hundreds of police iforscef
12. cause a plane to rsach

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () activists who take part in protests or take action to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone prevented
- () hunting for the people who operated the drone. The police believe these people are "eco-warriors". These are
- () home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find flights from
- () cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could face up to five years in jail.
- () close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers have been affected. Many of them were trying to fly
- () other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding gate.
- () stations and other important buildings. Police said they were in "a game of cat and
- () chaos. They are worried people could use drones to attack airports, nuclear power
- () the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. Hundreds of police
- () mouse" with the drone. They said: "Each time we believe we got close to the operator, the drone disappears; when we look to reopen
- () The British government is now talking about the actions it can take if other people use drones to cause
- () flights from leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was forced to
- (**1**) A drone shut down England's second largest airport for 30 hours earlier this week. Police are
- () officers and the British Army helped to find the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are worried a drone could

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

1. down A drone shut largest second England's airport .
2. protests . are activists These part take who in
3. was its runway . to airport The close forced
4. the on sleep to had airport They floor .
5. a Passengers spent plane . sitting nine on hours
6. other If to use chaos . people cause drones
7. attack airports . could People to use drones
8. with cat-and-mouse drone . game of the A
9. time believe got Each we close . we
10. to cause a A plane could crash . drone

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A drone shut down England's second *largest / large* airport for 30 hours earlier this week. Police are hunting for the people who *operation / operated* the drone. The police *belief / believe* these people are "eco-warriors". These are activists who *take / have* part in protests or take action to *rise / raise* awareness of environmental problems. The drone prevented flights *from / for* leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport on Wednesday and Thursday. The airport was *force / forced* to close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers have been *affected / effected*. Many of them were trying to *fly / flight* home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or try to find flights from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the *boarding / boarded* gate.

The British government is now *talking / taking* about the actions it can take if other people use drones *to / for* cause chaos. They are worried people could use drones *on / to* attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important buildings. Police said they were *in / to* "a game of cat and mouse" with the drone. They said: "Each *times / time* we believe we got close to the operator, the drone *disappearance / disappears*; when we look to reopen the airfield, the drone reappears *still / again*." This happened many times. Hundreds of police officers and the British Army helped to *fund / find* the drone's operator, but couldn't. The police are *worry / worried* a drone could cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could face *down / up* to five years in jail.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors.html>

A d r_n_ s h_t d_w n E n g l_n d 's s_c_n d l_r g_s t
__ r p_r t f_r 3 0 h__ r s __ r l__ r t h_s w__ k .
P_l_c__ r_ h_n t_n g f_r t h_ p__ p_l_ w h_ _p_r_t_d t
h_ d r_n_. S_m_ p__ p_l_ b_l__ v_ t h_ p__ p_l__ r_
"c_ - w_r r__ r s" . T h_s_ _r_ c_t_v_s_t s w h_ t_k_
p_r t _n p_r_t_s_t s _r t_k_ c_t__ n t_ r__ s_
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w_y . O v_r 1 2 0 , 0 0 0 t_r_v_l_l_r s h_v_ b__ n _f
f_c_t_d . M_n y _f t h_m w_r_ t_r_y_n g t_ f_l_y
h_m_f_r C_h_r_s_t_m_s . I_n s_t__ d , t h_y h_d t_ s
l__ p _n t h_ __ r p_r t f_l__ r _r t_r_y t_ f_n d f
l_i_g_h_t s f_r_m _t h_r __ r p_r t s . S_m_ p_s_s_n g_r s
s_p_n t n_n_ h__ r s s_t_t_n g _n _ p_l_n_ n__ r t h_
b__ r d_n g g_t_ .

T h_ B_r_t_s_h g_v_r_n m_n t _s n_w t_l_k_n g _b__ t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the british government is now talking about the actions it can take if other people use drones to cause chaos they are worried people could use drones to attack airports nuclear power stations and other important buildings police said they were in a game of cat and mouse with the drone they said each time we believe we got close to the operator the drone disappears when we look to reopen the airfield the drone reappears again this happened many times hundreds of police officers and the british army helped to find the drones operator but couldnt the police are worried a drone could cause a plane to crash the operator of the drone could face up to five years in jail.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AIRPORTS: Make a poster about airports. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DRONE BAN: Write a magazine article about banning drones. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on drones. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect important places from drones. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. shut down | a. closed |
| 2. hunting | b. searching |
| 3. activists | c. protestors |
| 4. prevented | d. stopped |
| 5. passengers | e. travellers |
| 6. actions | f. steps |
| 7. chaos | g. havoc |
| 8. close to | h. near |
| 9. happened | i. occurred |
| 10. jail | j. prison |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Thirty hours
- Eco-warriors
- Wednesday and Thursday
- More than 120,000
- Nine hours
- Chaos
- Cat and mouse
- The British Army
- One might crash
- Five years

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A drone shut down England's second largest airport.
- These are activists who take part in protests.
- The airport was forced to close its runway.
- They had to sleep on the airport floor.
- Passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane.
- If other people use drones to cause chaos.
- People could use drones to attack airports.
- A game of cat-and-mouse with the drone.
- Each time we believe we got close.
- A drone could cause a plane to crash.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)