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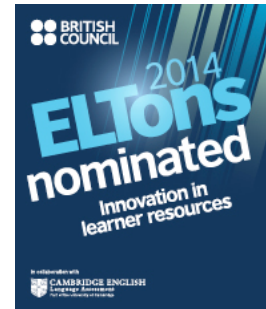
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## Level 3

# People want drivers to park cars on roads

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# THE ARTICLE

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Many people in England are angry that drivers park their cars on the pavements. Cars that are on the pavement block people from walking safely down the street. They have to walk into the road to get around the cars. The charity for the blind, Guide Dogs, said blocking the pavement is "inconsiderate and dangerous". It said it's a lot more difficult for blind people to walk around the town if cars are in their way. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone who is forced to step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other badly parked vehicle. Imagine you have to step into a road where you can't see oncoming traffic."

A survey on parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a ban on parking on pavements. A town south of London has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a proper car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine. However, many people say the fines do not work. Local people say car owners ignore the fine and park where they want. People pushing their children in baby cars and people in wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very serious accident because of a car parked on the pavement. She wants her town to be like London, which has strict rules against pavement parking.

Sources: <http://www.courier.co.uk/cars-pavement/story-20877627-detail/story.html>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-26806722>

# WARM-UPS

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

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*angry / pavement / street / charity / dangerous / blind people / frightening / traffic / survey / system / motorist / local people / wheelchairs / serious accident / strict rules*

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

**3. CARS:** How can we reduce these car problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Ideas to reduce problems	Will these happen?	Why (not)?
Parking			
Speeding			
Pollution			
Accidents			
Traffic jams			
Road rage			

**4. CAR-FREE:** Students A **strongly** believe all towns should be car-free; Students B **strongly** believe this is silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. DRIVERS' BAD HABITS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst drivers' habits at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- speeding
- illegal parking
- tailgating
- ignoring red lights
- idling
- non-stop hooting (honking)
- using phone while driving
- queue-jumping

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. People in England are angry about drivers parking on pavements.       | T / F |
| b. A charity for the blind complained about bad parking.                 | T / F |
| c. A spokesman for the charity spoke to reporters from CNN.              | T / F |
| d. The spokesman asked us to imagine not being able to park anywhere.    | T / F |
| e. Just 17 per cent of British people support a ban on pavement parking. | T / F |
| f. Drivers in central London get a \$115 fine for illegal parking.       | T / F |
| g. Many drivers don't care about parking fines and park illegally.       | T / F |
| h. London has strict rules about parking.                                | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. angry         | a. scary             |
| 2. pavements     | b. take no notice of |
| 3. inconsiderate | c. driver            |
| 4. frightening   | d. study             |
| 5. badly         | e. mad               |
| 6. survey        | f. thoughtless       |
| 7. started       | g. bad               |
| 8. motorist      | h. poorly            |
| 9. ignore        | i. sidewalks         |
| 10. serious      | j. begun             |

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

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. drivers park their cars                 | a. step into a road |
| 2. inconsiderate and                       | b. traffic          |
| 3. cars are in their                       | c. traffic          |
| 4. frightening for anyone who is forced to | d. on busy roads    |
| 5. oncoming                                | e. rules            |
| 6. car owners                              | f. accident         |
| 7. afraid to walk                          | g. on the pavements |
| 8. heavy                                   | h. ignore the fine  |
| 9. serious                                 | i. way              |
| 10. strict                                 | j. dangerous        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

Many people in England are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that drivers park their cars on the pavements. Cars that are on the pavement block people from walking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ down the street. They have to walk into the road to get around the cars. The charity for the blind, Guide Dogs, said (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pavement is "inconsiderate and (4) \_\_\_\_\_". It said it's a lot more difficult for blind people to walk around the town if cars are in their way. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone who is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other (6) \_\_\_\_\_ parked vehicle. Imagine you have to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ into a road where you can't see (8) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic."

*badly*  
*blocking*  
*forced*  
*angry*  
*oncoming*  
*safely*  
*step*  
*dangerous*

A (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on parking on pavements. A town south of London has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine. However, many people say the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ do not work. Local people say car owners (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the fine and park where they want. People pushing their children in baby cars and people in (14) \_\_\_\_\_ are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very serious (15) \_\_\_\_\_ because of a car parked on the pavement. She wants her town to be like London, which has strict (16) \_\_\_\_\_ against pavement parking.

*accident*  
*ignore*  
*ban*  
*fines*  
*survey*  
*rules*  
*wheelchairs*  
*proper*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

- 1) people in England are angry that drivers park their cars \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on the pavement
  - b. in the pavements
  - c. on the pavements
  - d. in the pavement
- 2) block people from walking \_\_\_\_\_ street
  - a. safety down the
  - b. safely along the
  - c. safety along the
  - d. safely down the
- 3) blocking the pavement is inconsiderate \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and dangerously
  - b. and dangerous
  - c. and danger as
  - d. and dangerous as
- 4) the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. badly parked vehicle
  - b. badly parking vehicle
  - c. badly parked vehicles
  - d. bad parked vehicle
- 5) step into a road where you can't see \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. outgoing traffic
  - b. oncoming traffic
  - c. incoming traffic
  - d. off-putting traffic
- 6) A survey on parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a bin on parking
  - b. a bun on parking
  - c. a ban on parking
  - d. a bon on parking
- 7) get drivers to park on the road or in a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. prosper car park
  - b. proper car park
  - c. properly car park
  - d. prop a car park
- 8) Any motorist who parks on the pavement \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. gets a \$115 fine
  - b. gets a \$115 fines
  - c. gets a \$115 fined
  - d. gets a \$115 finely
- 9) People pushing their children in baby cars and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people on wheelchairs
  - b. people in wheelchairs
  - c. people and wheelchairs
  - d. people un-wheel chairs
- 10) She wants her town to be like London, which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has strict rules
  - b. has strictly rules
  - c. has stricter rules
  - d. has strictness rules

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

Many people in England (1) \_\_\_\_\_ park their cars on the pavements. Cars (2) \_\_\_\_\_ pavement block people from walking safely down the street. They have to walk into the road to get around the cars. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Guide Dogs, said blocking the pavement is "inconsiderate and dangerous". It said it's a lot more difficult for blind people to walk around the town if (4) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone (5) \_\_\_\_\_ step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other badly parked vehicle. Imagine you have to step into (6) \_\_\_\_\_ see oncoming traffic."

A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a ban on parking on pavements. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ London has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a proper car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine. However, many people say (9) \_\_\_\_\_ work. Local people say car owners ignore the fine and (10) \_\_\_\_\_. People pushing their children in baby cars and people in wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of a car parked on the pavement. She wants her town to be like London, which (12) \_\_\_\_\_ pavement parking.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

1. Where do drivers park that makes people angry?

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2. What is the name of the charity mentioned in the article?

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3. Who did the charity say had difficulty walking around town?

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4. What news agency did the charity's spokesman talk to?

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5. What kind of traffic did the spokesman ask us to imagine?

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6. What proportion of British people want a ban on pavement parking?

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7. Where is the British town that has already started a fines system?

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8. How much do people get fined in this town for illegal parking?

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9. What did a woman say would happen soon?

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10. Which place did a woman say had strict rules on parking?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

1. Where do drivers park that makes people angry?
  - a) in their garden
  - b) in McDonald's car parks
  - c) on pavements (sidewalks)
  - d) at traffic lights (signals)
2. What is the name of the charity mentioned in the article?
  - a) Guide Dogs
  - b) Motorist Support
  - c) WWF
  - d) Save The Drivers
3. Who did the charity say had difficulty walking around town?
  - a) blind people
  - b) motorists
  - c) spokesmen
  - d) dog owners
4. What news agency did the charity's spokesman talk to?
  - a) CNN
  - b) BBC
  - c) JKZ
  - d) ITN
5. What kind of traffic did the spokesman ask us to imagine?
  - a) rush-hour traffic
  - b) light traffic
  - c) stuck in traffic
  - d) oncoming traffic
6. What proportion of British people want a ban on pavement parking?
  - a) 17%
  - b) 70%
  - c) 77%
  - d) 7%
7. Where is the British town that has already started a fines system?
  - a) south of London
  - b) London
  - c) in south London
  - d) on the London Road
8. How much do people get fined in this town for illegal parking?
  - a) \$150
  - b) \$115.99
  - c) \$115
  - d) \$149.95
9. What did a woman say would happen soon?
  - a) a big fight
  - b) a new law
  - c) a care-free town
  - d) a serious accident
10. Which place did a woman say had strict rules on parking?
  - a) London
  - b) her house
  - c) downtown
  - d) highways

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Speeding**

You think speeding is the worst thing drivers do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so bad about their bad habits. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): idling, illegal parking or queue-jumping.

## **Role B – Idling**

You think idling is the worst thing drivers do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so bad about their bad habits. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): speeding, illegal parking or queue-jumping.

## **Role C – Queue-jumping**

You think queue-jumping is the worst thing drivers do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so bad about their bad habits. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): idling, speeding or illegal parking.

## **Role D – Illegal parking**

You think illegal parking is the worst thing drivers do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so bad about their bad habits. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): idling, queue-jumping or speeding.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

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

<b>car</b>	<b>driver</b>
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- 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"><li>• angry</li><li>• safely</li><li>• blind</li><li>• way</li><li>• frightening</li><li>• imagine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 70</li><li>• south</li><li>• 115</li><li>• baby</li><li>• soon</li><li>• rules</li></ul>
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# PARKING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

Write five GOOD questions about parking 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.

## **PARKING DISCUSSION**

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'parking'?
- c) Do you think car owners think carefully about where to park?
- d) Is parking a problem in your town?
- e) Is it easy to walk along the street in your town?
- f) What do you think of people who park on the pavement?
- g) Do you prefer the British English word "pavement" or the American English word "sidewalk"?
- h) Should drivers be more considerate when they park their car?
- i) Are there enough car parks in your town?
- j) How can towns help drivers park and keep pavements clear?

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## **PARKING DISCUSSION**

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should the centre of towns be for people only – no cars?
- c) Is it OK to park on the pavement in front of your house?
- d) Should the fines for pavement parking be bigger?
- e) Do you think the police taking away cars is a good idea?
- f) If someone is injured because a car is parked on the pavement, should the car owner get in trouble?
- g) What would it be like to live in a town with no cars?
- h) What can people do to stop others parking on the pavement?
- i) Where is the best place to park a car in the city?
- j) What would you like to ask a town planner about parking?

# 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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

Many people in England are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that drivers park their cars on the pavements. Cars that are on the pavement block people from walking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ down the street. They have to walk into the road to get around the cars. The charity for the blind, Guide Dogs, said blocking the pavement is "(3) \_\_\_\_\_ and dangerous". It said it's a lot more difficult for blind people to walk around the town if cars are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their way. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone who is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other badly parked vehicle. Imagine you have to step into a road where you can't see (6) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic."

A survey on parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on parking on pavements. A town south of London has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine. However, many people say the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ do not work. Local people say car owners ignore the fine and park where they want. People pushing their children in baby cars and people (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very (11) \_\_\_\_\_ accident because of a car parked on the pavement. She wants her town to be like London, which has strict rules (12) \_\_\_\_\_ pavement parking.

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

- |     |                  |                 |                   |                   |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) angers       | (b) anger       | (c) angry         | (d) angrily       |
| 2.  | (a) safely       | (b) safety      | (c) safest        | (d) safe          |
| 3.  | (a) considerable | (b) considerate | (c) consideration | (d) inconsiderate |
| 4.  | (a) on           | (b) in          | (c) at            | (d) by            |
| 5.  | (a) turned       | (b) swerved     | (c) forced        | (d) fined         |
| 6.  | (a) never-ending | (b) incoming    | (c) outgoing      | (d) oncoming      |
| 7.  | (a) bin          | (b) ban         | (c) bun           | (d) bon           |
| 8.  | (a) prosper      | (b) property    | (c) properly      | (d) proper        |
| 9.  | (a) fines        | (b) Oks         | (c) punishments   | (d) fees          |
| 10. | (a) by           | (b) at          | (c) on            | (d) in            |
| 11. | (a) serious      | (b) seriously   | (c) series        | (d) seriousness   |
| 12. | (a) up           | (b) from        | (c) against       | (d) to            |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. drivers park their cars on the steapmnve
2. block people from walking elyasf down the street
3. inconsiderate and drgnseuoa
4. A spokesman for the tiryhac
5. badly parked elicevh
6. you can't see oncoming faifrct

## Paragraph 2

7. yvurse on parking
8. started a yemsts to get drivers to park on the road
9. car owners gireon the fine
10. people in ilcesrhwahe
11. a very serious idtnccea
12. iscrtt rules



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) are on the pavement block people from walking safely down the street. They have to walk into the road to get
- ( ) around the cars. The charity for the blind, Guide Dogs, said blocking the pavement is "inconsiderate
- ( ) to step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other badly
- ( ) and dangerous". It said it's a lot more difficult for blind people to walk around the town if cars are in their
- ( ) parked vehicle. Imagine you have to step into a road where you can't see oncoming traffic."
- ( ) proper car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine. However, many people say the fines do not
- ( ) cars and people in wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy
- ( ) A survey on parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a ban on parking on pavements. A town south
- ( ) way. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone who is forced
- ( ) work. Local people say car owners ignore the fine and park where they want. People pushing their children in baby
- ( ) of London has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a
- ( ) her town to be like London, which has strict rules against pavement parking.
- ( **1** ) Many people in England are angry that drivers park their cars on the pavements. Cars that
- ( ) traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very serious accident because of a car parked on the pavement. She wants

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

1. pavements the on cars their park Drivers.

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2. from the people down Block safely walking street.

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3. difficult for blind people to walk It's a lot more.

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4. is step road who to a Anyone forced into.

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5. you can't A see road oncoming where traffic.

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6. pavements ban on People parking want on a.

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7. system drivers on A get park road to to the.

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8. where they want Car owners ignore the fine and park.

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9. on where heavy Walk roads is busy there traffic.

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10. accident be a There very would serious soon.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

Many people in England are *angrily* / *angry* that drivers park their cars on the pavements. Cars that are on the pavement block people *for* / *from* walking safely down the street. They have to walk *into* / *out* the road to get *around* / *about* the cars. The charity for the blind, Guide Dogs, said blocking the pavement is "*considerate* / *inconsiderate* and dangerous". It said it's a lot more difficult *for* / *of* blind people to walk around the town if cars are in *their* / *this* way. A spokesman for the charity told the BBC: "It can be frightening for anyone who is *forcing* / *forced* to step into a road because the pavement is blocked by a van, car or other *badly* / *bad* parked vehicle. Imagine you have to step into a road where you can't see *outgoing* / *oncoming* traffic."

A survey *on* / *in* parking in Britain found that 70 per cent of people want a *bin* / *ban* on parking on pavements. A town south of London has *still* / *already* started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a *prosper* / *proper* car park. Any motorist who parks on the pavement *bets* / *gets* a \$115 fine. However, many people say the fines do not work. Local people say car owners *ignoring* / *ignore* the fine and park where they want. People pushing their children in baby cars and people *on* / *in* wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is *heavy* / *light* traffic. One woman said there would soon be a very *seriously* / *serious* accident because of a car parked on the pavement. She wants her town to be like London, which has strict *rules* / *ruled* against pavement parking.

**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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140401-parking.html>

M\_ny p\_\_pl\_ \_n \_ngl\_nd \_r\_ \_ngry th\_t dr\_v\_rs p\_rk th\_\_r c\_rs \_n th\_ p\_v\_m\_nts. C\_rs th\_t \_r\_ \_n th\_ p\_v\_m\_nt bl\_ck p\_\_pl\_ fr\_m w\_lk\_ng s\_f\_ly d\_wn th\_ str\_\_t. Th\_y h\_v\_ t\_ w\_lk \_nt\_ th\_ r\_\_d t\_ g\_t \_r\_\_nd th\_ c\_rs. Th\_ ch\_r\_ty f\_r th\_ bl\_nd, G\_\_d\_ D\_gs, s\_\_d bl\_ck\_ng th\_ p\_v\_m\_nt \_s " \_nc\_ns\_d\_r\_t\_ \_nd d\_ng\_r\_\_s". \_t s\_\_d \_t's \_l\_t m\_r\_d ff\_c\_lt f\_r bl\_nd p\_\_pl\_ t\_ w\_lk \_r\_\_nd th\_ t\_wn \_f c\_rs \_r\_ \_n th\_\_r w\_y. \_ sp\_k sm\_n f\_r th\_ ch\_r\_ty t\_ld th\_ BBC: "\_t c\_n b\_fr\_ght\_n\_ng f\_r \_ny\_n\_ wh\_ \_s f\_rc\_d t\_st\_p\_nt\_ \_r\_\_d b\_c\_\_s\_ th\_ p\_v\_m\_nt \_s bl\_ck\_d by \_v\_n, c\_r \_r \_th\_r b\_dly p\_rk\_d v\_h\_cl\_. \_m\_g\_n\_y\_\_ h\_v\_ t\_ st\_p \_nt\_ \_r\_\_d wh\_r\_ y\_\_ c\_n't s\_\_ \_nc\_m\_ng tr\_ff\_c."

\_ s\_rv\_y \_n p\_rk\_ng \_n Br\_t\_\_n f\_\_nd th\_t 70 p\_r c\_nt \_f p\_\_pl\_ w\_nt \_ b\_n \_n p\_rk\_ng \_n p\_v\_m\_nts. \_t\_wn s\_\_th \_f L\_nd\_n h\_s \_lr\_\_dy st\_rt\_d \_ syst\_m t\_ g\_t dr\_v\_rs t\_ p\_rk \_n th\_ r\_\_d \_r\_ \_n \_ pr\_p\_r c\_r p\_rk. \_ny m\_t\_r\_st wh\_ p\_rks \_n th\_ p\_v\_m\_nt g\_ts \_ \$115 f\_n\_. H\_w\_v\_r, m\_ny p\_\_pl\_ s\_y th\_ f\_n\_s d\_n\_t w\_rk. L\_c\_l p\_\_pl\_ s\_y c\_r\_wn\_rs \_gn\_r th\_ f\_n\_ \_nd p\_rk wh\_r\_ th\_y w\_nt. P\_\_pl\_ p\_sh\_ng th\_\_r ch\_ldr\_n \_n b\_by c\_rs \_nd p\_\_pl\_ \_n wh\_\_lch\_\_rs \_r\_ \_fr\_\_d t\_ w\_lk \_n b\_sy r\_\_ds wh\_r\_ th\_r\_ \_s h\_\_vy tr\_ff\_c. \_n\_ w\_m\_n s\_\_d th\_r\_ w\_\_ld s\_\_n b\_ \_ v\_ry s\_r\_\_s \_cc\_d\_nt b\_c\_\_s\_ \_f \_ c\_r p\_rk\_d \_n th\_ p\_v\_m\_nt. Sh\_w\_nts h\_r t\_wn t\_ b\_l\_k\_ L\_nd\_n, wh\_ch h\_s str\_ct\_r\_l\_s \_g\_\_nst p\_v\_m\_nt p\_rk\_ng.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a survey on parking in britain found that 70 per cent of people want a ban on parking on pavements a town south of london has already started a system to get drivers to park on the road or in a proper car park any motorist who parks on the pavement gets a \$115 fine however many people say the fines do not work local people say car owners ignore the fine and park where they want people pushing their children in baby cars and people in wheelchairs are afraid to walk on busy roads where there is heavy traffic one woman said there would soon be a very serious accident because of a car parked on the pavement she wants her town to be like london which has strict rules against pavement parking

# 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 parking rules. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. PAVEMENT PARKING:** Write a magazine article about parking on pavements (sidewalks). 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 parking. Ask him/her three questions about parking. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make life easier for car drivers. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. angry         | a. mad               |
| 2. pavements     | b. sidewalks         |
| 3. inconsiderate | c. thoughtless       |
| 4. frightening   | d. scary             |
| 5. badly         | e. poorly            |
| 6. survey        | f. study             |
| 7. started       | g. begun             |
| 8. motorist      | h. driver            |
| 9. ignore        | i. take no notice of |
| 10. serious      | j. bad               |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. On pavements (sidewalks)
2. Guide Dogs
3. Blind people
4. The BBC
5. Oncoming traffic
6. 70%
7. South of London
8. \$115
9. A serious accident
10. London

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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