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Consumers asked to throw away hoverboards

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151219-hoverboards-4.html>

Three big UK retailers, including Amazon, are telling customers to throw away hoverboards because of safety worries. There have been reports of them exploding. Consumers will get a refund if they take their hoverboard to a recycling centre. Hoverboards are like self-balancing, two-wheeled skateboards. They are a very popular gift this Christmas. The retailers' decision will disappoint many children.

A consumer group in the UK said half-a-million people bought a hoverboard as a Christmas gift. Another million people have it on their shopping list. Britain's largest store said: "We've suspended the sale of all hoverboards...as a precautionary measure." Amazon said: "We regret the inconvenience...but trust you will understand that your safety and satisfaction is our highest priority."

Hoverboards are not allowed on public roads.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/shopping-and-consumer-news/12052732/Get-rid-of-your-hoverboards-now-Amazon-tells-customers.html>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35109728>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3361995/Amazon-throw-hoverboards-away-advice-amid-safety-alert.html>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Three big UK | a. centre |
| 2. throw | b. a refund |
| 3. safety | c. disappoint many children |
| 4. Consumers will get | d. worries |
| 5. a recycling | e. retailers |
| 6. self-balancing, two- | f. this Christmas |
| 7. very popular gifts | g. away hoverboards |
| 8. The retailers' decision will | h. wheeled skateboards |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A consumer | a. inconvenience |
| 2. have it on their shopping | b. priority |
| 3. We've suspended the sale | c. allowed on public roads |
| 4. as a precautionary | d. of all hoverboards |
| 5. We regret the | e. group |
| 6. your safety | f. measure |
| 7. our highest | g. list |
| 8. Hoverboards are not | h. and satisfaction |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three (1) _____, including Amazon, are telling customers to throw away hoverboards because (2) _____. There have been reports (3) _____. Consumers will get a refund if they take their hoverboard to (4) _____. Hoverboards are like self-balancing, two-wheeled skateboards. They (5) _____ gift this Christmas. The retailers' decision (6) _____ children.

A consumer group in the UK said (7) _____ people bought a hoverboard as a Christmas gift. Another million (8) _____ on their shopping list. Britain's (9) _____: "We've suspended (10) _____ hoverboards...as a precautionary measure." Amazon said: "We regret the inconvenience...but trust you will understand (11) _____ and satisfaction is our highest priority." Hoverboards are (12) _____ public roads.

HOVERBOARDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hoverboards 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) _____
- 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) _____

