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Level 1 – 7th September 2023

Store staff get body cameras to protect themselves

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230907-supermarket-workers-1.html>

Supermarket staff in the UK are wearing body cameras to protect themselves. Customers are punching or pulling knives on staff. Sales assistants and checkout staff are afraid. They are stressed and worried about their safety. The UK's largest supermarket said the number of attacks on its workers has gone up by 30 per cent in a year. More than 200 of its workers are attacked each month. Thousands more are shouted at and verbally abused every day.

Newspapers say attacks on shop staff show that Britain is "broken". There is a big rise in anti-social behaviour in Britain. A newspaper survey shows that 72 per cent of voters think the UK is broken. There has also been a big increase in shoplifting. A supermarket CEO wants new laws for people who attack staff. He said crime is bad for society, and "an insult to shoppers". He said attacks on staff were "unacceptable" and "heart-breaking".

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/tesco-staff-body-cameras-violence-b2403998.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230907-supermarket-workers-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. wearing | a. abused every day |
| 2. pulling knives | b. safety |
| 3. Sales assistants | c. each month |
| 4. worried about their | d. on staff |
| 5. the number of attacks | e. at |
| 6. 200 of its workers are attacked | f. body cameras |
| 7. Thousands more are shouted | g. on its workers |
| 8. verbally | h. and checkout staff |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. attacks on shop | a. social behaviour |
| 2. Britain | b. wants new laws |
| 3. There is a big rise in anti- | c. breaking |
| 4. A newspaper | d. for society |
| 5. a big increase | e. staff |
| 6. A supermarket CEO | f. in shoplifting |
| 7. He said crime is bad | g. is "broken" |
| 8. unacceptable and heart- | h. survey |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Supermarket staff in the UK (1) _____ cameras to protect themselves. Customers are (2) _____ knives on staff. Sales assistants (3) _____ are afraid. They are stressed and worried about their safety. The UK's largest supermarket said the (4) _____ on its workers has gone up by 30 per cent in a year. More than 200 (5) _____ are attacked each month. Thousands more are shouted at and verbally (6) _____.

Newspapers say attacks on (7) _____ that Britain is "broken". There is (8) _____ in anti-social behaviour in Britain. A newspaper survey shows that 72 per cent (9) _____ the UK is broken. There has also been a big (10) _____. A supermarket CEO wants new laws for people who attack staff. He said (11) _____ for society, and "an (12) _____". He said attacks on staff were "unacceptable" and "heart-breaking".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230907-supermarket-workers-1.html>

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SUPERMARKETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230907-supermarket-workers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about supermarkets 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) _____

