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## Level 3

### London drivers face idling fine

26th March, 2015

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

Drivers in central London will soon face a \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning off their engine. Authorities want to reduce the amount of pollution in England's capital city. The fines could start on May 1. Throughout April, traffic wardens in the London district of Westminster will ask motorists to turn off their car engines if they are not driving. If people do not follow their advice, the new law will start. The fines are because local residents and businesses complained about the air quality in London. Westminster has the second highest proportion of deaths from air pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman, Heather Acton, said: "The council is committed to improving air quality in Westminster."

Ms Acton told reporters about the importance of keeping people moving on the roads and reducing air pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important role in keeping our city moving, which is vital for its economic prosperity. We want to raise motorist awareness of the impact engine idling can have on the environment, with air and noise pollution affecting overall health." Not everyone is happy with the new fine. The Institute of Advanced Motorists warned that people could see the fine as a "revenue-raising exercise". It said the traffic wardens should focus on "old buses, coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling for long periods" and not on energy-efficient cars.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/environment/11490974/Visitors-to-West-End-face-20-fines-for-leaving-engines-on.html>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-31989916>  
<http://www.businesscar.co.uk/news/2015/westminster-council-impose-fines-for-idling-motorists>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cars. 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?

*drivers / fine / traffic / engine / pollution / motorists / advice / air quality / businesses / reporters / importance / vital / economic prosperity / overall health / happy / efficient*

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

**3. TRAFFIC:** How can we make things better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Solutions
Roads		
Idling		
Jams		
Parking		
Cyclists		
Trucks		

**4. IDLING:** Students A **strongly** believe people who idle their engine should be fined; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. FINES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to fine at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- idling
- speeding
- driving and texting
- double parking
- driving with no insurance
- not wearing seat belts
- loud music in car
- driving too slowly

**6. ENGINE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "engine". 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/1503/150326-idling.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. There will soon be a \$30-dollar idling fine all across London.      | T / F |
| b. The fines will start on May 1.                                       | T / F |
| c. Local people complained about air quality in London.                 | T / F |
| d. The local council said it has no commitments to improve air quality. | T / F |
| e. A council spokeswoman said it was important to keep traffic moving.  | T / F |
| f. The spokeswoman said traffic is important for economic prosperity.   | T / F |
| g. The article says a motoring group was happy with the fines.          | T / F |
| h. The motoring group said energy-efficient cars should not be fined.   | T / F |

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

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. central    | a. money       |
| 2. amount     | b. stick to    |
| 3. motorists  | c. part        |
| 4. follow     | d. drivers     |
| 5. committed  | e. lowering    |
| 6. importance | f. inner       |
| 7. reducing   | g. concentrate |
| 8. role       | h. dedicated   |
| 9. revenue    | i. seriousness |
| 10. focus     | j. volume      |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Drivers in central London will soon | a. raising exercise      |
| 2. reduce the amount                   | b. advice                |
| 3. ask motorists to turn               | c. air quality           |
| 4. follow their                        | d. awareness             |
| 5. committed to improving              | e. our city moving       |
| 6. the importance of keeping           | f. of pollution          |
| 7. an important role in keeping        | g. cars                  |
| 8. raise motorist                      | h. face a \$30 fine      |
| 9. a revenue-                          | i. people moving         |
| 10. energy-efficient                   | j. off their car engines |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

Drivers in central London will soon (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning off their engine. Authorities want to reduce the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of pollution in England's capital city. The fines could start on May 1. Throughout April, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ wardens in the London district of Westminster will ask (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to turn off their car engines if they are not driving. If people do not follow their (5) \_\_\_\_\_, the new law will start. The fines are because (6) \_\_\_\_\_ residents and businesses complained about the air (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in London. Westminster has the second highest proportion of deaths from air pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman, Heather Acton, said: "The council is committed to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ air quality in Westminster."

*motorists*  
*amount*  
*face*  
*quality*  
*traffic*  
*improving*  
*advice*  
*local*

Ms Acton told reporters about the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of keeping people moving on the roads and reducing air pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping our city moving, which is vital for its economic (11) \_\_\_\_\_. We want to raise motorist awareness of the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ engine idling can have on the environment, with air and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution affecting overall health." Not everyone is happy with the new fine. The Institute of Advanced Motorists (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that people could see the fine as a "revenue-raising exercise". It said the traffic wardens should (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on "old buses, coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling for long periods" and not on energy-(16) \_\_\_\_\_ cars.

*impact*  
*role*  
*warned*  
*importance*  
*efficient*  
*prosperity*  
*focus*  
*noise*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

- 1) Drivers in central London will soon \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. face the \$30 fine
  - b. face as \$30 fine
  - c. face a \$30 fine
  - d. facer \$30 fine
- 2) Authorities want to reduce the amount \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of pollution
  - b. for pollution
  - c. if pollution
  - d. from pollution
- 3) ask motorists to turn off their car engines if they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are not driven
  - b. are not driving
  - c. are not drive-in
  - d. are not driving in
- 4) local residents and businesses complained \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about the airs quality
  - b. about the aired quality
  - c. about the airy quality
  - d. about the air quality
- 5) The council is committed to improving air quality \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. at Westminster
  - b. by Westminster
  - c. on Westminster
  - d. in Westminster
- 6) the importance of keeping people moving \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the roads
  - b. at the roads
  - c. by the roads
  - d. on the roads
- 7) Motor traffic plays an important role in keeping \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. your city moving
  - b. hour city moving
  - c. our city moving
  - d. power city moving
- 8) We want to raise motorist awareness of the impact engine \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. idle in can have
  - b. idling can have
  - c. idol in can have
  - d. I'd lingo can have
- 9) people could see the fine as a revenue- \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rising exercise
  - b. raising exercise
  - c. arising exercise
  - d. arisen exercise
- 10) coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. four long periods
  - b. for long periods
  - c. fore long periods
  - d. form long periods

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

Drivers in central London (1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning off their engine. Authorities want to reduce the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in England's capital city. The fines could start on May 1. Throughout April, traffic wardens in the London district of Westminster will ask motorists (3) \_\_\_\_\_ car engines if they are not driving. If people do not follow their advice, the new law will start. The fines are because (4) \_\_\_\_\_ businesses complained about the air quality in London. Westminster has the second highest proportion (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman, Heather Acton, said: "The council (6) \_\_\_\_\_ improving air quality in Westminster."

Ms Acton told reporters about the importance (7) \_\_\_\_\_ moving on the roads and reducing air pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays (8) \_\_\_\_\_ keeping our city moving, which is vital for its economic prosperity. We want (9) \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of the impact engine idling can have on the environment, with air and noise pollution affecting (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Not everyone is happy with the new fine. The Institute of Advanced Motorists warned that people could see the fine as a "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ exercise". It said the traffic wardens should focus on "old buses, coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling for long periods" and not on (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

1. In which part of London will drivers face a fine?

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2. When might the fines start?

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3. What will happen if motorists do not follow the traffic wardens' advice?

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4. What did local residents and businesses complain about?

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5. Who is committed to improving air quality?

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6. Who did a spokeswoman say it was important to keep moving?

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7. What did a spokeswoman say motor traffic is vital for?

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8. What does Westminster Council want to raise?

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9. What is a motoring group worried the fines might be?

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10. What did the group say the traffic wardens should not fine?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

1. In which part of London will drivers face a fine?
  - a) the suburbs
  - b) Central London (Westminster)
  - c) east London
  - d) the area next to Buckingham Palace
2. When might the fines start?
  - a) May 15
  - b) May 11
  - c) May 5
  - d) May 1
3. What will happen if motorists do not follow the traffic wardens' advice?
  - a) the fines will start
  - b) they will get a warning
  - c) the council will ban traffic
  - d) their driving license will be taken away
4. What did local residents and businesses complain about?
  - a) the council
  - b) speeding cars
  - c) air quality
  - d) double parking
5. Who is committed to improving air quality?
  - a) a car maker
  - b) the council
  - c) the London Air Group
  - d) taxi drivers
6. Who did a spokeswoman say it was important to keep moving?
  - a) people
  - b) wheels
  - c) air
  - d) pollution
7. What did a spokeswoman say motor traffic is vital for?
  - a) air quality
  - b) roads
  - c) economic prosperity
  - d) oil company profits
8. What does Westminster Council want to raise?
  - a) motorist awareness
  - b) taxes
  - c) roads
  - d) bridges
9. What is a motoring group worried the fines might be?
  - a) a money-collecting exercise
  - b) expensive
  - c) bad
  - d) helpful
10. What did the group say the traffic wardens should not fine?
  - a) buses
  - b) taxis
  - c) subway trains
  - d) new, energy-efficient cars

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

## **Role A – Idling**

You think idling is the worst thing to do in traffic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): speeding, driving and texting or not wearing seat belts.

## **Role B – Speeding**

You think speeding is the worst thing to do in traffic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): idling, driving and texting or not wearing seat belts.

## **Role C – Driving and texting**

You think driving and texting is the worst thing to do in traffic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): speeding, idling or not wearing seat belts.

## **Role D – Not wearing a seatbelt**

You think not wearing seat belts is the worst thing to do in traffic. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): speeding, driving and texting or idling.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

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

<b>air</b>	<b>quality</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>• face</li><li>• amount</li><li>• ask</li><li>• local</li><li>• second</li><li>• committed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• moving</li><li>• role</li><li>• vital</li><li>• noise</li><li>• focus</li><li>• large</li></ul>
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# IDLING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

Write five GOOD questions about idling 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.

## **IDLING DISCUSSION**

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'idling'?
- 3) How bad is pollution from cars?
- 4) What do you think of the idea of everyone using public transport?
- 5) What do you think of the \$30 idling fine?
- 6) What other problems does traffic cause?
- 7) Why do people idle their engines?
- 8) How much of a success do you think the fines will be?
- 9) What's the air quality like in your country?
- 10) How can we improve air quality?

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## **IDLING DISCUSSION**

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How important are roads?
- 13) How can we make roads better, safer, easier to use, etc?
- 14) How much do you know about the impact of cars on the environment?
- 15) What do you think about noise pollution?
- 16) Why might people not like the fines?
- 17) Is there a problem if the fines are just for raising money?
- 18) Should old cars be banned from using the roads?
- 19) What do you think of cars?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask London's government?

# 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/1503/150326-idling.html>

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

- |     |             |             |                |              |
|-----|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) head    | (b) nose    | (c) face       | (d) mouth    |
| 2.  | (a) amount  | (b) mount   | (c) mountain   | (d) amass    |
| 3.  | (a) capital | (b) initial | (c) spatial    | (d) numeral  |
| 4.  | (a) follow  | (b) do      | (c) chase      | (d) have     |
| 5.  | (a) pair    | (b) duo     | (c) double     | (d) second   |
| 6.  | (a) by      | (b) at      | (c) for        | (d) to       |
| 7.  | (a) of      | (b) from    | (c) for        | (d) if       |
| 8.  | (a) takes   | (b) be      | (c) does       | (d) plays    |
| 9.  | (a) on      | (b) of      | (c) off        | (d) oh       |
| 10. | (a) every   | (b) overall | (c) eventually | (d) eventual |
| 11. | (a) rising  | (b) raising | (c) risen      | (d) arisen   |
| 12. | (a) on      | (b) of      | (c) off        | (d) if       |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. reduce the amount of tuopllnoi
2. the London istrtcid of Westminster
3. ask toisrtsmo to turn off their car engines
4. local iensdsrte
5. The council is committed to pngiimorv
6. air tuayiqi

## Paragraph 2

7. the emtocrapin of keeping people moving
8. vital for its economic pieyposrrt
9. raise totsirmo awareness
10. affecting veloarl health
11. a "eunreve-raising exercise"
12. energy-nieftfcei cars



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

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

- ( ) have on the environment, with air and noise pollution affecting overall health." Not everyone is happy
- ( ) off their engine. Authorities want to reduce the amount of pollution in England's capital
- ( ) city. The fines could start on May 1. Throughout April, traffic wardens in the London district of Westminster will ask
- ( ) motorists to turn off their car engines if they are not driving. If people do not follow their
- ( ) Ms Acton told reporters about the importance of keeping people moving on the roads and
- ( ) for its economic prosperity. We want to raise motorist awareness of the impact engine idling can
- ( ) reducing air pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important role in keeping our city moving, which is vital
- ( ) with the new fine. The Institute of Advanced Motorists warned that people could see the fine
- ( ) advice, the new law will start. The fines are because local residents and businesses complained about the air
- ( ) pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman, Heather Acton, said: "The council is committed to improving air quality in Westminster."
- ( ) quality in London. Westminster has the second highest proportion of deaths from air
- ( **1** ) Drivers in central London will soon face a \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning
- ( ) as a "revenue-raising exercise". It said the traffic wardens should focus on "old buses,
- ( ) coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling for long periods" and not on energy-efficient cars.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

1. face soon will London central in Drivers fine \$30 a.

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2. want of to pollution reduce the Authorities amount.

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3. if they are not driving Turn off their car engines.

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4. air Businesses quality complained in about London the.

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5. is quality committed to The improving council air.

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6. on people of the moving The roads keeping importance.

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7. the The idling on engine have environment impact can.

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8. fine happy with Not the everyone new is.

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9. revenue a as fine the see could People exercise raising -.

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10. said the traffic wardens should focus on old buses It.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

Drivers in central London will soon *face / head* a \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning off their engine. Authorities want to *deduce / reduce* the amount of *pollution / polluted* in England's capital city. The fines could start on May 1. *Without / Throughout* April, traffic wardens in the London district of Westminster will ask *motorists / motors* to turn off their car engines if they are not driving. If people do not follow their *advice / advise*, the new law will start. The fines are *because / so* local residents and businesses complained about the air *quality / qualify* in London. Westminster has the second highest *proportion / portion* of deaths from air pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman, Heather Acton, said: "The council is committed *by / to* improving air quality in Westminster."

Ms Acton told reporters about the *important / importance* of keeping people moving on the roads and *reducing / reduction* air pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important *role / roll* in keeping our city moving, which is *viral / vital* for its economic prosperity. We want to raise motorist awareness of the *impact / compact* engine idling can have on the environment, with air and noise pollution affecting *every / overall* health." Not everyone is happy with the *new / newly* fine. The Institute of Advanced Motorists warned that people could *see / look* the fine as a "revenue-raising exercise". It said the traffic wardens should focus *in / on* "old buses, coaches, large trucks, utility company vans or taxis idling for long *period / periods*" and not on energy-efficient cars.

**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/1503/150326-idling.html>

Dr\_v\_rs \_n c\_ntr\_l L\_nd\_n w\_ll s\_\_n f\_c\_ \_ \$30 f\_n\_ \_f  
th\_y s\_t \_n tr\_ff\_c w\_th\_\_t t\_rn\_ng \_ff th\_\_r \_ng\_n\_.  
\_\_th\_r\_t\_\_s w\_nt t\_r\_d\_c\_ th\_\_m\_\_nt \_f p\_ll\_t\_\_n  
\_n \_ngl\_nd's c\_p\_t\_l c\_ty. Th\_f\_n\_s c\_\_ld st\_rt \_n M\_y  
1. Thr\_\_gh\_\_t \_pr\_l, tr\_ff\_c w\_r\_d\_ns \_n th\_ L\_nd\_n  
d\_str\_ct \_f W\_stm\_nst\_r w\_ll \_sk m\_t\_r\_sts t\_t\_rn\_ff  
th\_\_r c\_r \_ng\_n\_s \_f th\_y \_r\_n\_t dr\_v\_ng. \_f p\_\_pl\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150326-idling.html>

drivers in central london will soon face a \$30 fine if they sit in traffic without turning off their engine authorities want to reduce the amount of pollution in england's capital city the fines could start on may 1 throughout april traffic wardens in the london district of westminster will ask motorists to turn off their car engines if they are not driving if people do not follow their advice the new law will start the fines are because local residents and businesses complained about the air quality in london westminster has the second highest proportion of deaths from air pollution in britain a spokeswoman heather acton said "the council is committed to improving air quality in westminster"

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

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

**4. EXPELLED:** Write a magazine article about the students who were expelled. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them being expelled.

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 idling. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. central    | a. inner       |
| 2. amount     | b. volume      |
| 3. motorists  | c. drivers     |
| 4. follow     | d. stick to    |
| 5. committed  | e. dedicated   |
| 6. importance | f. seriousness |
| 7. reducing   | g. lowering    |
| 8. role       | h. part        |
| 9. revenue    | i. money       |
| 10. focus     | j. concentrate |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Central London (Westminster)
2. May 1
3. The fines will start
4. Air quality
5. The council
6. People
7. Economic prosperity
8. Motorist awareness
9. A revenue-raising exercise
10. New, energy-efficient cars

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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