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Online deliveries clogging up city streets

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

The huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of our cities and on our road networks. As the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging up city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for often non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or double park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to intensify.

The BBC reports that the volume of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have taken tough measures to counteract the problems associated with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also cracking down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply for permission to operate.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-42245367>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/07/nyregion/ups-drivers-hours-online-shopping-holidays.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5167813/Council-crackdown-restaurants-using-delivery-apps.html>

WARM-UPS

1. ONLINE DELIVERIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about online deliveries. 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?

surge / popularity / online shopping / online deliveries / city streets / parcels / gridlock
increase / tough measures / possibility / food delivery / motorbikes / permission

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

3. BANNED: Students A **strongly** believe delivery trucks should be banned in cities; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CITY TRAFFIC: What can we do about these things to reduce city traffic? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Measure | How Effective? |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Delivery trucks | | |
| Buses | | |
| Subway trains | | |
| Bicycles | | |
| Shoppers | | |
| Taxis | | |

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

6. DELIVERIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to get delivered at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- clothes
- furniture
- food
- books
- ice cream
- electrical goods
- coffee
- English lessons

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. surge | a. The state of being blocked up (i.e. your nose when you have a cold) or so crowded with traffic that it is difficult to move. |
| 2. chaos | b. The way in which a thing is actually done or actually happens. |
| 3. skyrocketing | c. Become more extreme in force, degree, or strength. |
| 4. clogging up | d. A sudden large increase, usually a quick one that happens during an otherwise stable or quiet period. |
| 5. congestion | e. Of a price, rate, or amount that is increasing very steeply, sharply or rapidly. |
| 6. literally | f. Becoming blocked, filled up or crowded so as to stop things moving. |
| 7. intensify | g. Complete disorder and confusion. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. volume | h. Moved to one place in large numbers. |
| 9. counteract | i. Taking severe measures against someone or something. |
| 10. associated | j. The amount or quantity of something, especially when it is a great number. |
| 11. cracking down | k. An area of a country, city or town. |
| 12. swarmed | l. Act against something in order to reduce its force or make it harmless or ineffective. |
| 13. district | m. Having the agreement from other for you to do something. |
| 14. permission | n. Of a person or thing connected with something else. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

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

- a. The article said online shopping is causing chaos on city streets. **T / F**
- b. The article said deliveries may soon be delivered by rocket. **T / F**
- c. The article said cities are making parking available for delivery trucks. **T / F**
- d. The article said the problem of more delivery trucks will soon disappear. **T / F**
- e. Parcel deliveries will rise by as much as 28% next year. **T / F**
- f. Many cities have taken action over to deal with delivery trucks. **T / F**
- g. London is thinking about using buses for parcel deliveries. **T / F**
- h. London is trying to increase the use of motorbike deliveries. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. surge | a. amount |
| 2. chaos | b. blocking |
| 3. result | c. stamping out |
| 4. clogging up | d. havoc |
| 5. intensify | e. actions |
| 6. volume | f. escalate |
| 7. measures | g. authorization |
| 8. barred | h. increase |
| 9. cracking down on | i. banned |
| 10. permission | j. outcome |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The huge surge | a. up city streets |
| 2. hundreds more trucks are clogging | b. permission |
| 3. battling for often non- | c. to intensify |
| 4. adding to the gridlock | d. by almost 50 per cent |
| 5. the problem is set | e. existent parking spaces |
| 6. volume of parcel deliveries surged | f. when roads are busiest |
| 7. cities have taken tough | g. in the popularity |
| 8. barred deliveries during times | h. on food delivery |
| 9. cracking down | i. for other road users |
| 10. apply for | j. measures |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

The huge surge in the (1) _____ of online shopping is creating (2) _____ on the streets of our cities and on our road networks. As the number of online deliveries is (3) _____, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are (4) _____ up city streets. This is increasing (5) _____ and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get (6) _____ delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for often non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or (7) _____ park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to (8) _____.

chaos
parcels
clogging
intensify
popularity
double
skyrocketing
congestion

The BBC reports that the (9) _____ of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have taken (10) _____ measures to counteract the problems (11) _____ with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are (12) _____. London is looking at the (13) _____ of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also (14) _____ down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being '(15) _____ ' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply for (16) _____ to operate.

busiest
tough
swarmed
possibility
volume
permission
associated
cracking

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

- 1) The huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating _____ streets
 - a. chaotic on the
 - b. key us on the
 - c. criers on the
 - d. chaos on the
- 2) the number of online deliveries _____
 - a. is skied rocket in
 - b. is key rock it in
 - c. is skyrocketing
 - d. is ski rocketing
- 3) The result is that hundreds more trucks are _____ streets
 - a. clogging up city
 - b. clogging upper city
 - c. clogging upped city
 - d. clogging oopsy
- 4) delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels _____
 - a. deliver it on time
 - b. delivered on chime
 - c. delivers on thyme
 - d. delivered on time
- 5) Many are forced to park illegally, or double park, adding _____
 - a. to the griddle lock
 - b. to a gridlock
 - c. to the grade lock
 - d. to the gridlock
- 6) The BBC reports that the volume of parcel deliveries _____ 50%
 - a. surgeon by almost
 - b. third by almost
 - c. surged by almost
 - d. surged by all most
- 7) continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year _____ three years
 - a. over a next
 - b. above then next
 - c. over the next
 - d. above the next
- 8) cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads _____
 - a. aren't busiest
 - b. are busier
 - c. are busiest
 - d. aren't busier
- 9) Some areas of London are also cracking down _____
 - a. on feed delivery
 - b. on food delivery
 - c. on feud delivery
 - d. on foodie delivery
- 10) delivery companies in one London district must _____ permission
 - a. now reply for
 - b. now applied for
 - c. now apple eye for
 - d. now apply for

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

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The BBC reports that the (7) _____ deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year (8) _____ three years. Many cities have taken (9) _____ counteract the problems associated with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have (10) _____ times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also (11) _____ food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London (12) _____ apply for permission to operate.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

1. Where else is online shopping creating chaos besides city streets?
2. What did the article say was skyrocketing?
3. What are hundreds more trucks leading to besides congestion?
4. What did the article say delivery drivers are battling for?
5. What did the article say double parking adds to?
6. By how much did parcel deliveries surge between 2014 and 2016?
7. What kind of measures have many cities taken to counteract problems?
8. When are some trucks barred from deliveries in many European cities?
9. What is London considering using to deliver parcels?
10. What must food deliveries apply for in one London district?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

- 1) Where else is online shopping creating chaos besides city streets?
 - a) shopping malls
 - b) countryside villages
 - c) road networks
 - d) the Internet
- 2) What did the article say was skyrocketing?
 - a) online deliveries
 - b) space shuttles
 - c) the Internet
 - d) networks
- 3) What are hundreds more trucks leading to besides congestion?
 - a) pollution
 - b) more parking
 - c) the city
 - d) better deliveries
- 4) What did the article say delivery drivers are battling for?
 - a) deliveries
 - b) parking spaces
 - c) better wages
 - d) more parcels
- 5) What did the article say double parking adds to?
 - a) better parks
 - b) anger
 - c) more parcels
 - d) gridlock
- 6) By how much did parcel deliveries surge between 2014 and 2016?
 - a) a lot
 - b) nearly 50%
 - c) up to 28%
 - d) three per cent
- 7) What kind of measures have many cities taken to counteract problems?
 - a) tough measures
 - b) long measures
 - c) quick measures
 - d) many measures
- 8) When are some trucks barred from deliveries in many European cities?
 - a) at lunchtime
 - b) in the summer
 - c) when roads are the busiest
 - d) after 9pm
- 9) What is London considering using to deliver parcels?
 - a) bicycles
 - b) taxis
 - c) drones
 - d) buses
- 10) What must food deliveries apply for in one London district?
 - a) permission
 - b) a license
 - c) an Internet connection
 - d) a loan

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

Role A – Clothes

You think clothes are the best things to get delivered. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these things to be delivered of these (and why): food, furniture or English teachers.

Role B – Food

You think food is the best thing to get delivered. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these things to be delivered of these (and why): furniture, clothes or English teachers.

Role C – Furniture

You think furniture is the best thing to get delivered. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these things to be delivered of these (and why): food, clothes or English teachers.

Role D – English Teachers

You think English teachers are the best things to get delivered. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these things to be delivered of these (and why): food, clothes or furniture.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

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

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| online | delivery |
|---------------|-----------------|

- 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">• huge• sure• result• hundreds• park• set | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• almost• 28• tough• during• cracking• apply |
|--|---|

ONLINE DELIVERIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online deliveries 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.

ONLINE DELIVERIES 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 'online'?
3. How important is online shopping for you?
4. How do you feel about online deliveries?
5. Are online deliveries making us lazier?
6. How much do you worry that online shopping is killing small stores?
7. How can we stop delivery trucks clogging up streets?
8. Are drone deliveries better than truck deliveries?
9. What should happen to trucks that park illegally?
10. How can we end gridlock on the roads?

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ONLINE DELIVERIES 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 'delivery'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you prefer online shopping or going to a store?
15. What do you think of barring truck deliveries at busy times?
16. What do you think of using buses to deliver parcels?
17. What do you think of food deliveries?
18. What do you think it's like to be a delivery driver?
19. What can we do about overconsumption?
20. What questions would you like to ask a truck delivery boss?

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/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

The (1) _____ surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of our cities and on our road networks. (2) _____ the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels (3) _____ also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging (4) _____ city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for often non-(5) _____ parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or double park, adding to the (6) _____ for other road users. And the problem is set to intensify.

The BBC reports that the (7) _____ of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have (8) _____ tough measures to counteract the problems associated with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have (9) _____ deliveries during times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the possibility (10) _____ using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also cracking (11) _____ on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now (12) _____ for permission to operate.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) hugely | (b) hug | (c) huge | (d) hugging |
| 2. | (a) As | (b) Is | (c) Was | (d) Has |
| 3. | (a) has | (b) had | (c) having | (d) have |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) to | (d) at |
| 5. | (a) exist | (b) existent | (c) existence | (d) existed |
| 6. | (a) padlock | (b) hemlock | (c) unlock | (d) gridlock |
| 7. | (a) sound | (b) loudness | (c) volume | (d) amplify |
| 8. | (a) given | (b) been | (c) done | (d) taken |
| 9. | (a) barred | (b) burred | (c) blurred | (d) bored |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) in | (d) out |
| 12. | (a) reply | (b) supply | (c) apply | (d) comply |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The huge rugse in the popularity
2. creating sahco on the streets
3. igcnlggo up city streets
4. This is increasing onntegosci
5. non-nxtesiet parking spaces
6. the problem is set to fnsneytii

Paragraph 2

7. the uomlev of parcel deliveries
8. measures to tonccetrau the problems
9. the problems toaaccessi with the increasing number
10. being 'aerdwsm' by scooter riders
11. companies in one London crtsiitd
12. apply for isospnierm to operate

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to intensify.
- () riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply for permission to operate.
- () The BBC reports that the volume of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and
- () up city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery
- () networks. As the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making
- () trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are
- () of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are
- () 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have
- () London are also cracking down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter
- () sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging
- (**1**) The huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of our cities and on our road
- () busiest. London is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of
- () taken tough measures to counteract the problems associated with the increasing number
- () battling for often non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or double

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

1. The popularity huge of surge online in shopping the .
2. online is The of deliveries skyrocketing number .
3. are trucks more Hundreds streets city up clogging .
4. hundreds delivery There literally more trucks are .
5. spaces parking existent non- often for Battling .
6. surged volume by of 50% parcel deliveries The .
7. number increasing deliveries Problems associated with the of .
8. is of looking using at buses the London possibility .
9. being by riders were 'swarmed' scooter Streets .
10. one London district must now apply Companies in .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

The huge *surge / purge* in the popularity of online shopping is creating *chaotic / chaos* on the streets of our cities and *in / on* our road networks. As the number of online deliveries *are / is* skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are *clogged / clogging* up city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are *literally / literal* hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all *trying / tried* to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for *frequent / often* non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or *double / doubly* park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to *intensity / intensify*.

The BBC reports that the *voluminous / volume* of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase *by / as* up to 28 per cent a year over the *next / followed* three years. Many cities have taken tough *measures / measuring* to counteract the problems *association / associated* with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred *deliveries / delivered* during times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the *possible / possibility* of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also *crackling / cracking* down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were *being / been* 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply *to / for* permission to operate.

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/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

Th_ h_g_ s_rg_ _n th_ p_p_l_r_ty _f _nl_n_ sh_pp_ng
_s cr__t_ng ch__s _n th_ str__ts _f __r c_t__s _nd _n
__r r__d _n tw_rks. __s th_ n_mb_r _f _nl_n_
d_l_v_r__s _s skyr_ck_t_ng, th_ n_mb_r _f d_l_v_ry
tr_cks m_k_ng s_r_ w_ g_t __r p_rc_ls h_s _ls_
_ncr__s_d. Th_ r_s_lt _s th_t h_ndr_ds m_r_ tr_cks _r_
cl_gg_ng _p c_ty str__ts. Th_s __s _ncr__s_ng
c_ng_st__n _nd _dd_ng t_l_v_ls _f p_ll_t__n. Th_r_
_r_l_t_r_lly h_ndr_ds m_r_ d_l_v_ry tr_cks _n c_t__s
_r__nd th_ w_rld _ll try_ng t_ g_t p_rc_ls d_l_v_r_d _n
t_m_. D_l_v_ry dr_v_rs _r_ b_ttl_ng f_r _ft_n n_n_
_x_st_nt p_rk_ng sp_c_s. M_ny _r_ f_rc_d t_ p_rk
_ll_g_lly, _r d__bl_ p_rk, _dd_ng t_ th_ gr_dl_ck f_r
_th_r r__d_s_rs. _nd th_ pr_bl_m_s s_t t__nt_ns_fy.

Th_ BBC r_p_rts th_t th_ v_l_m_ _f p_rc_l d_l_v_r__s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180106-online-deliveries.html>

the huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of our cities and on our road networks as the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased the result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging up city streets this is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution there are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time delivery drivers are battling for often non-existent parking spaces many are forced to park illegally or double park adding to the gridlock for other road users and the problem is set to intensify

the bbc reports that the volume of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016 it said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years many cities have taken tough measures to counteract the problems associated with the increasing number of deliveries many cities in europe and asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are busiest london is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries some areas of london are also cracking down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders food delivery companies in one london district must now apply for permission to operate

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of four cities and on our road networks. As the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging up city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for often non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or double park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to intensify. The BBC reports that the volume of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 percent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 percent a year over the next three years. Many cities have taken tough measures to counteract the problem associated with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries. So in some areas of London are also cracking down on food delivery motorbikes as their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply for permission to operate.

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. ONLINE DELIVERIES: Make a poster about online deliveries. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DAYTIME BAN: Write a magazine article about a daytime ban on online deliveries to ease congestion in cities. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 online deliveries. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how companies can deliver parcels without adding to congestion. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. surge | a. increase |
| 2. chaos | b. havoc |
| 3. result | c. outcome |
| 4. clogging up | d. blocking |
| 5. intensify | e. escalate |
| 6. volume | f. amount |
| 7. measures | g. actions |
| 8. barred | h. banned |
| 9. cracking down on | i. stamping out |
| 10. permission | j. authorization |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Road networks
- The number of online deliveries
- Pollution
- (Often non-existent-) parking places
- Gridlock
- Almost 50%
- Tough measures
- When roads are busiest
- Buses
- Permission

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)