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Level 1 – 12th October, 2019

UK might ban food on public transport

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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/1910/191012-public-transport-1.html>

The UK is thinking about banning food and drink on public transport. This is not popular with people. They say governments should not control what people can eat and drink on trains and buses. Many people said it is an example of the UK wanting to control everyone's life. The UK's Chief Medical Officer said the plan was necessary to halve obesity in children by 2030. It is also to help people live healthier lives.

The medical officer said there are two times more overweight schoolchildren today than in 1990. She said: "Today's children are drowning in a flood of unhealthy food and drink options." This is made worse because children do not exercise enough. She also wants a ban on fast food at soccer games. Many travelers are angry about the plan. A busy nurse said it would make her life worse. She said: "I need a sandwich on the train on my way home from work."

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/10103210/match-pies-eating-on-buses-ban/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. thinking about banning food | a. example |
| 2. This is not popular with | b. in children by 2030 |
| 3. eat and drink on | c. people |
| 4. Many people said it is an | d. healthier lives |
| 5. control everyone's | e. trains and buses |
| 6. the plan was | f. life |
| 7. halve obesity | g. and drink |
| 8. help people live | h. necessary |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. overweight | a. soccer games |
| 2. children are drowning in a flood | b. on the train |
| 3. children do not exercise | c. the plan |
| 4. a ban on fast food at | d. of unhealthy food |
| 5. travelers are angry about | e. home from work |
| 6. it would make her | f. enough |
| 7. I need a sandwich | g. schoolchildren |
| 8. on my way | h. life worse |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-1.html>

The UK (1) _____ banning food and drink on public transport. This (2) _____ with people. They say governments should (3) _____ people can eat and drink on trains and buses. Many people said it (4) _____ of the UK wanting to control everyone's life. The UK's Chief Medical Officer said (5) _____ necessary to halve obesity in children by 2030. It is also to help people (6) _____.

The medical officer said there (7) _____ more overweight schoolchildren (8) _____ 1990. She said: "Today's children are drowning (9) _____ of unhealthy food and drink options." This is made worse because children do (10) _____. She also wants a ban on fast food at soccer games. Many travelers are angry about the plan. A busy nurse said it would make (11) _____. She said: "I need a sandwich on the train on (12) _____ from work."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about public transport 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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-1.html>

Write about **public transport** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
