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Amazon starts selling cashier-less technology

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THE READING

Amazon will sell its cashier-less technology to other stores. The technology, called "Just Walk Out," means stores do not need cashiers. Shoppers go into a store, put their shopping in their bag and then... just walk out. The software calculates the cost of the customer's shopping and then charges the customer's credit card or payment card. Amazon has been using the software for the past two years in its own Go Grocery stores.

The software will cut the number of cashiers stores need. Cameras on the ceiling will link to software that checks what customers have in their bag. The software then bills the customer and produces a receipt. Amazon could make a lot of money from this. Many stores want it to remove the complaints of slow checkouts. Amazon said the software lets staff, "focus on more valuable activities". However, people worry that there will be fewer jobs.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	Amazon will sell its cashier-less	a.	the cost
2.	to other	b.	two years
3.	stores do not need	c.	credit card
4.	put their shopping	d.	technology
5.	The software calculates	e.	using the software
6.	charges the customer's	f.	stores
7.	Amazon has been	g.	in their bag
8.	for the past	h.	cashiers

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	cut the number of cashiers	a.	want it
2.	software that checks what	b.	jobs
3.	The software then bills	c.	customers have
4.	Amazon could make a lot of	d.	activities
5.	Many stores	e.	the customer
6.	remove the complaints of slow	f.	money from this
7.	focus on more valuable	g.	stores need
8.	there will be fewer	h.	checkouts

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Amazon (1) _____ cashier-less technology (2) _____. The technology, called "Just Walk Out," means stores do not need cashiers. Shoppers (3) _____ store, put their shopping in their bag and then... (4) _____. The software calculates the cost of the customer's shopping and then charges the customer's (5) _____ payment card. Amazon has been using the software for the past two years (6) _____ Go Grocery stores.

The software will (7) _____ of cashiers stores need. Cameras on the ceiling (8) _____ software that checks what customers have in their bag. The software then (9) _____ and produces a receipt. Amazon could make a lot of money from this. Many stores (10) _____ remove the complaints of slow checkouts. Amazon said the software lets (11) _____ more valuable activities". However, people worry that there will (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CASHIERS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about cashiers 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

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

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