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IKEA 'deeply regrets' forced prison labour

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THE ARTICLE

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One of Sweden's most famous companies has apologised for selling products made in communist prisons. The furniture giant IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was made using forced labour in prisons in East Germany over twenty years ago. IKEA is famous for its modern, clean designs and reasonable prices. However, few people knew about a dark period in its history. The company now admits that political prisoners in communist East Germany were forced to make some of the furniture sold in IKEA stores across the world. This was before the fall of the Berlin Wall, when Germany was split in two. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjelmose told reporters: "We deeply regret that this could happen."

IKEA said it checks working conditions at its suppliers very carefully. They also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years ago, but their checks did not find the use of forced labour in prisons. Ms Skjelmose said: "The use of political prisoners for manufacturing was at no point accepted by IKEA....[30 years ago] we didn't have the well-developed control system that we have today. We clearly did too little to [stop those] methods." Many of the prisoners now want compensation – they want IKEA to pay them for their work. Human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner said many western companies used cheap, forced, prison labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the tip of the iceberg."

Sources: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ikea-regrets-use-of-forced-prison-labor-by-suppliers-in-communist-east-germany/2012/11/16/8bfce15a-300e-11e2-af17-67abba0676e2_story.html
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-20356945>

WARM-UPS

1. IKEA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about forced furniture. Change partners often. Share your findings with your first partner.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

Sweden's most famous companies / communist / prisons / furniture / Berlin Wall / regret / working conditions / manufacturing / compensation / human rights / icebergs

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

3. REGRETS: Do you have any? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	Regret (~ing) ...	Regret not (~ing) ...	Don't regret (~ing) ...
Shopping			
Studying			
Internet			
Hobbies			
Relationships			
Hairstyles			

4. FORCED LABOUR: Students A **strongly** believe forced labour will disappear in the coming decades should pay a lot of compensation to the former prisoners; Students B **strongly** believe it will never disappear. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FURNITURE: What's most important? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- framed paintings
- bed
- bookcase
- desk
- mirror
- closet / wardrobe
- coffee table
- carpet

6. PRISON: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'prison'. 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/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. IKEA has said sorry for selling its furniture in communist prisons. | T / F |
| b. Two decades ago, IKEA bought from suppliers who used forced labour. | T / F |
| c. The furniture in the story was made in Bulgarian prisons in the 1980s. | T / F |
| d. IKEA's CEO told reporters of the deep regret this could happen. | T / F |
| e. IKEA said checks on working conditions did not find the forced labour. | T / F |
| f. A manager said IKEA never accepted work from political prisoners. | T / F |
| g. IKEA has promised to pay the prison workers compensation. | T / F |
| h. A human rights worker said more companies used forced prison labour. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. most famous | a. is sorry about |
| 2. prisons | b. production |
| 3. regrets | c. divided |
| 4. admits | d. obviously |
| 5. split | e. best known |
| 6. checks | f. accepts |
| 7. manufacturing | g. system |
| 8. clearly | h. jails |
| 9. methods | i. activist |
| 10. campaigner | j. examines |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. One of Sweden's most | a. split in two |
| 2. furniture that was made | b. stop those methods |
| 3. few people knew about a | c. regret that this could happen |
| 4. when Germany was | d. conditions at its suppliers |
| 5. We deeply | e. famous companies |
| 6. IKEA said it checks working | f. of the iceberg |
| 7. The use of political prisoners | g. using forced labour |
| 8. We clearly did too little to | h. want compensation |
| 9. Many of the prisoners now | i. dark period in its history |
| 10. the tip | j. for manufacturing |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

One of Sweden's most famous companies has apologised (1) _____ selling products made in communist prisons. The furniture (2) _____ IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was made (3) _____ forced labour in prisons in East Germany over twenty years ago. IKEA is famous for its modern, clean (4) _____ and reasonable prices. However, few people knew about a (5) _____ period in its history. The company now admits that political prisoners in communist East Germany were (6) _____ to make some of the furniture sold in IKEA stores across the world. This was before the fall of the Berlin Wall, when Germany was (7) _____ in two. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjeltmose told reporters: "We (8) _____ regret that this could happen."

forced

dark

using

deeply

for

designs

giant

split

IKEA said it checks working (9) _____ at its suppliers very carefully. They also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years ago, but their checks did not (10) _____ the use of forced labour in prisons. Ms Skjeltmose said: "The use of political prisoners for manufacturing was at no (11) _____ accepted by IKEA...[30 years ago] we didn't have the well-developed control system that we have today. We (12) _____ did too little to [stop those] methods." Many of the prisoners now want (13) _____ – they want IKEA to (14) _____ them for their work. Human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner said many (15) _____ companies used cheap, forced, prison labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the (16) _____ of the iceberg."

pay

tip

find

compensation

conditions

western

point

clearly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) One of Sweden's most famous companies has ...
 - a. apology.
 - b. apologizing.
 - c. apologized.
 - d. apologies.
- 2) ... furniture that was made using forced labour in prisons in East Germany ...
 - a. over twenty years earlier.
 - b. over twenty-one years ago.
 - c. over twenty years ago.
 - d. more than twenty years before.
- 3) However, few people knew about _____ in its history.
 - a. a dark period
 - b. a dark peer rid
 - c. dark periods
 - d. a darkness
- 4) This was _____ the Berlin Wall
 - a. before the felling of
 - b. after the fall of
 - c. before the falling of
 - d. before the fall of
- 5) IKEA manager Jeanette Skjelmose told reporters:
 - a. "We deeply regret that this could happen."
 - b. "That this could happen, we deeply regret."
 - c. "We regret deeply that could happen this."
 - d. "We could regret that this happen deeply."
- 6) IKEA said _____ at its suppliers very carefully.
 - a. working conditions check it
 - b. it checks working conditions
 - c. it conditions its working checks
 - d. it works its check conditions
- 7) their checks _____ forced labour in prisons
 - a. found a lot of
 - b. found absolutely no use of
 - c. did not find the use of
 - d. did not fund any use of
- 8) We _____ to [stop those] methods.
 - a. clearly did too little
 - b. did clearly too little
 - c. clearly too little did
 - d. cleverly did too little
- 9) Rainer Wagner said many western companies _____ labour in East Germany.
 - a. used cheap prison, forced,
 - b. used cheap, forced, prison
 - c. used forced, cheap, prison
 - d. cheap, forced, prison used
- 10) He said: "IKEA is only _____."
 - a. the trap of the ice shelf
 - b. the drip of the ice cream
 - c. the tip of the iceberg
 - d. the top of the ice cube

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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One of Sweden's most famous companies (1) _____ selling products made in communist prisons. The furniture giant IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was (2) _____ labour in prisons in East Germany over twenty years ago. IKEA is famous for its (3) _____ and reasonable prices. However, few people knew about (4) _____ its history. The company now admits that political prisoners in communist East Germany were forced to make some of (5) _____ IKEA stores across the world. This was before the fall of the Berlin Wall, when Germany (6) _____. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjeltmose told reporters: "We deeply regret that this could happen."

IKEA said it (7) _____ at its suppliers very carefully. They also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years ago, but their checks did not find the use (8) _____ prisons. Ms Skjeltmose said: "The use of political prisoners for manufacturing was (9) _____ by IKEA....[30 years ago] we didn't have the well-developed control system that we have today. We (10) _____ to [stop those] methods." Many of the prisoners (11) _____ – they want IKEA to pay them for their work. Human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner said many western companies used (12) _____ labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the tip of the iceberg."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

1. What kind of prisons was the furniture made in?

2. When was the furniture made?

3. What is IKEA famous for?

4. What kind of prisoners did IKEA say made the furniture?

5. What is Jeanette Skjelmose's job?

6. What did IKEA check very carefully?

7. What did IKEA's checks not find 20 years ago?

8. What does IKEA have now that it didn't have 20 years ago?

9. What do the prisoners want now?

10. What is IKEA only the tip of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

1. Ikea is one of Sweden's _____ companies.
 - a) must famous
 - b) least famous
 - c) last famous
 - d) most famous
2. When was the furniture in East Germany made?
 - a) Over 10 years ago.
 - b) Over 20 years ago.
 - c) Over 30 years ago.
 - d) Over 40 years ago.
3. What kind of prices does IKEA charge?
 - a) unreasonable ones
 - b) treasonable ones
 - c) reasonable ones
 - d) reasoned ones
4. What kind of period does the article say people knew little of?
 - a) A dark one.
 - b) A dusty one.
 - c) A dangerous one.
 - d) A dear one.
5. What did all this happen before?
 - a) people found out
 - b) 1980
 - c) the fall of the Berlin Wall
 - d) eight o'clock
6. What does IKEA check very carefully at its suppliers?
 - a) working hours
 - b) the quality of wood
 - c) working conditions
 - d) waiting time
7. What did IKEA's checks not find?
 - a) stolen money
 - b) the leader of the prison
 - c) many missing nuts and bolts
 - d) the use of forced labour in prisons
8. What does IKEA have now that was missing 20 years ago?
 - a) a well-developed control system
 - b) good labour lawyers
 - c) award-winning furniture
 - d) a store next to the Berlin Wall
9. What do the former prisoners want?
 - a) commemoration
 - b) condensation
 - c) compensation
 - d) competition
10. Rainer Wagner said IKEA was just ...
 - a) the tip of the ice shelf
 - b) the tip of the iceberg
 - c) the top of the iceberg
 - d) the drip of the ice shelf

ROLE PLAY

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

Role A – Former prisoner

You made a lot of furniture in an East German prison 30 years ago. Your "crime" was writing about human rights. You worked long hours making IKEA beds. You now have bad eyesight. IKEA made a lot of money from the beds. You want a lot of compensation. Think of three reasons why.

Role B – IKEA CEO

Apologise very deeply to everyone for what happened. You think IKEA has done enough – it has admitted its suppliers used forced labour. BUT... the suppliers should pay compensation. They are the ones who were wrong. You will NOT pay compensation. NEVER! Think of three reasons why.

Role C – An IKEA customer

You are angry about IKEA selling furniture made by forced labour. Think of three reasons why. Tell the CEO just an apology is not good enough. You will start a global Internet campaign to ask people not to shop at IKEA if the CEO does not pay compensation. You hate the IKEA worker's ideas.

Role D – An IKEA store worker

You love working for IKEA. Think of three reasons why. You are worried that the company might be hurt by this news story. Try to get the worker to accept secret compensation (he/she must never tell reporters). Tell the IKEA boss he has to pay something to keep IKEA's good image.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

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

prison	labour

- 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">• most• giant• clean• some• fall• reporters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• checks• ago• point• little• pay• tip
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FORCED LABOUR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about forced labour 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.

IKEA STORY DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'furniture'?
- c) What do you think about IKEA selling furniture that was made using forced labour?
- d) What do you know about the communist countries of Europe before the fall of the Berlin wall?
- e) What do you think of IKEA?
- f) What kind of furniture do you have / like?
- g) Do you think all companies have dark histories?
- h) Do you think IKEA is a better company because it apologized about its past?
- i) Have you ever been to an IKEA store? What did you think of it?
- j) Why do you think IKEA is more famous than other furniture companies?

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IKEA STORY DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think companies should check their suppliers more?
- c) Do companies care about profits more than working conditions?
- d) What other companies do you know about that have been in the news about working conditions?
- e) Should past IKEA employees go to court for not spotting the use of forced labour?
- f) What do you know about the fall of the Berlin wall?
- g) How much compensation should IKEA pay the workers?
- h) Are governments around the world doing enough to make sure workers' human rights are respected?
- i) Do you think other companies will apologise for using forced labour?
- j) What questions would you like to ask human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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One of Sweden's most famous companies has apologised for (1) ____ products made in communist prisons. The furniture giant IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was made (2) ____ forced labour in prisons in East Germany over twenty years ago. IKEA is famous (3) ____ its modern, clean designs and reasonable prices. However, (4) ____ people knew about a dark period in its history. The company now admits that (5) ____ prisoners in communist East Germany were forced to make some of the furniture sold in IKEA stores across the world. This was before the fall of the Berlin Wall, when Germany was (6) ____ in two. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjelmose told reporters: "We deeply regret that this could happen."

IKEA said it checks working conditions (7) ____ its suppliers very carefully. They also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years ago, but their (8) ____ did not find the use of forced labour in prisons. Ms Skjelmose said: "The use of political prisoners for manufacturing was at (9) ____ point accepted by IKEA....[30 years ago] we didn't have the (10) ____-developed control system that we have today. We clearly did (11) ____ little to [stop those] methods." Many of the prisoners now want compensation – they want IKEA to pay them for their work. Human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner said many western companies used cheap, forced, prison labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the (12) ____ of the iceberg."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) sales | (b) sold | (c) sell | (d) selling |
| 2. | (a) usage | (b) uses | (c) used | (d) using |
| 3. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) of | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) little | (b) small | (c) few | (d) tiny |
| 5. | (a) politics | (b) politicians | (c) political | (d) politically |
| 6. | (a) split | (b) spilled | (c) spoilt | (d) splatted |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) as | (d) if |
| 8. | (a) checks | (b) checked | (c) cheques | (d) checkmates |
| 9. | (a) not | (b) no | (c) neither | (d) none |
| 10. | (a) good | (b) nice | (c) well | (d) perfect |
| 11. | (a) enough | (b) such | (c) too | (d) not |
| 12. | (a) bottom | (b) shelf | (c) ice | (d) tip |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. One of Sweden's most famous paisncoem
2. csdoturp made in communist prisons
3. The uunfreirt giant IKEA
4. clean designs and oasrleenab prices
5. piiollcta prisoners
6. when Germany was tpsli in two

Paragraph 2

7. working iocistdnnon
8. the well-pdoeldeve control system
9. We elyarlc did too little
10. Many of the prisoners now want tcsomnaionpe
11. human ihrsgrt campaigner
12. the tip of the ebgcire

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) One of Sweden's most famous companies has apologised for selling products
- () made in communist prisons. The furniture giant IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was made using
- () prices. However, few people knew about a dark period in its history. The company now admits that political prisoners in
- () across the world. This was before the fall of the Berlin Wall, when Germany was split
- () developed control system that we have today. We clearly did too little to [stop those]
- () them for their work. Human rights campaigner Rainer Wagner said many western companies used
- () in two. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjelmose told reporters: "We deeply regret that this could happen."
- () IKEA said it checks working conditions at its suppliers very carefully. They also checked suppliers 20
- () to 30 years ago, but their checks did not find the use of forced labour in prisons. Ms Skjelmose said: "The use
- () forced labour in prisons in East Germany over twenty years ago. IKEA is famous for its modern, clean designs and reasonable
- () cheap, forced prison labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the tip of the iceberg."
- () methods." Many of the prisoners now want compensation – they want IKEA to pay
- () communist East Germany were forced to make some of the furniture sold in IKEA stores
- () of political prisoners for manufacturing was at no point accepted by IKEA....[30 years ago] we didn't have the well-

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has Sweden's apologized most famous One companies of.

2. was made Buying using furniture forced that labour.

3. dark period in its history Few people knew about a.

4. of Wall was fall Berlin This the the before.

5. regret deeply We happen could this that.

6. said working its IKEA checks at it conditions suppliers.

7. did not find the use of forced labour Their checks.

8. the developed have - system didn't well control We.

9. the of Many compensation want now prisoners.

10. the the IKEA said iceberg tip is : ." of only " He

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

One of Sweden's *most / must* famous companies has apologised for selling products made in communist prisons. The furniture *monster / giant* IKEA said it "deeply regrets" buying furniture that was made using *forces / forced* labour in prisons in East Germany *over / more* twenty years ago. IKEA is famous *of / for* its modern, clean designs and *reasons / reasonable* prices. However, few people knew about a *dark / darken* period in its history. The company now admits *what / that* political prisoners in communist East Germany were forced to make some of the furniture sold in IKEA stores across the world. This was before the *fell / fall* of the Berlin Wall, when Germany was split in two. IKEA manager Jeanette Skjelmose told reporters: "We *deeply / deepest* regret that this could happen."

IKEA said it *checks / chucks* out working conditions at its suppliers very *carefully / careful*. They also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years *ago / past*, but their checks did not find the use of forced labour in prisons. Ms Skjelmose said: "The use of political prisoners *as / for* manufacturing was at no *point / pointing* accepted by IKEA....[30 years ago] we didn't have the *well-developed / development* control system that we have today. We *clear / clearly* did too little to [stop those] methods." Many of the prisoners now want *compensates / compensation* – they want IKEA to pay them for their work. Human *rights / writes* campaigner Rainer Wagner said many western companies used cheap, forced, prison labour in East Germany. He said: "IKEA is only the tip of the *iceberg / ice shelf*."

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)

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n _f_ Sw_d_n's m_st f_m_s c_mp_n_s h_s
_p_l_g_s_d f_r s_ll_ng pr_d_cts m_d_ _n c_mm_n_st
pr_s_ns. Th_ f_rn_t_r_ g__nt _K__ s__d _t "d__ply
r_gr_ts" b_y_ng f_rn_t_r_ th_t w_s m_d_ _s_ng f_rc_d
l_b__r _n pr_s_ns _n __st G_rm_ny _v_r twnty y__rs
g. _K__ _s f_m_s f_r _ts m_d_rn, cl__n d_s_gns
_nd r__s_n_bl_ pr_c_s. H_w_v_r, f_w p__pl_ kn_w
_b__t _d_rk p_r__d _n _ts h_st_ry. Th_ c_mp_ny n_w
_dm_ts th_t p_l_t_c_l pr_s_n_rs _n c_mm_n_st __st
G_rm_ny w_r_ f_rc_d t_ m_k_ s_m_ _f th_ f_rn_t_r_
s_ld _n _K__ st_r_s _cr_ss th_ w_rld. Th_s w_s b_f_r_
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t n p__nt _cc_pt_d by _K__....[30 y__rs _g_] w_
d_dn't h_v_ th_ w_ll-d_v_l_p_d c_ntr_l syst_m th_t w_
h_v_ t_d_y. W_ cl__rly d_d t__ l_ttl_ t_ [st_p th_s_]
m_th_ds." M_ny _f th_ pr_s_n_rs n_w w_nt
c_mp_ns_t__n - th_y w_nt _K__ t_ p_y th_m f_r th__r
w_rk. H_m_n r_ghts c_mp__gn_r R__n_r W_gn_r s__d
m_ny w_st_rn c_mp_n_s _s_d ch__p, f_rc_d pr_s_n
l_b__r _n __st G_rm_ny. H_ s__d: "_K__ _s _nly th_
t_p _f th_ _c_b_rg."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121117-ikea_forced_labour.html

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ikea said it checks working conditions at its suppliers very carefully they also checked suppliers 20 to 30 years ago but their checks did not find the use of forced labour in prisons ms skjelmose said "the use of political prisoners for manufacturing was at no point accepted by ikea...[30 years ago] we didn't have the well-developed control system that we have today we clearly did too little to [stop those] methods" many of the prisoners now want compensation – they want ikea to pay them for their work human rights campaigner rainer wagner said many western companies used cheap forced prison labour in east germany he said "ikea is only the tip of the iceberg"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **furniture** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Many companies care about profits more than working conditions for workers. These companies should be banned. Discuss.

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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 this story on IKEA. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FORCED LABOUR: Make a poster about forced labour. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. IKEA: Write a magazine article about IKEA. Include imaginary interviews with the IKEA CEO and a prisoner who was made to work in prison.

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 the IKEA CEO. Ask him/her three questions about this story. Give him/her three ideas on how to apologise to the prisoners. 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 T c F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. most famous | a. best known |
| 2. prisons | b. jails |
| 3. regrets | c. is sorry about |
| 4. admits | d. accepts |
| 5. split | e. divided |
| 6. checks | f. examines |
| 7. manufacturing | g. production |
| 8. clearly | h. obviously |
| 9. methods | i. system |
| 10. campaigner | j. activist |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. communist ones
2. over twenty years ago
3. its modern, clean designs and reasonable prices
4. political prisoners
5. IKEA manager
6. working conditions
7. the use of forced labour
8. a well-developed control system
9. compensation
10. the iceberg

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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