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Paris halts filming of action movies after terror attacks

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THE READING

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The filming of action movies in the streets of Paris has been halted. This is following the recent terror attacks in the city, which left 20 people dead. Security has increased around synagogues, newspaper and television company offices and shopping malls. Armed police and soldiers are clearly visible on the streets. Security measures now also apply to the movie industry. Paris' police commander said: "There's a problem with these action-type scenes, as the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists." She added that actors with guns could confuse the public.

The police do not know how long the ban will last. They said the time is not right for car chases and fake weapons. The commander said: "I was shocked to hear witnesses of the Charlie Hebdo attacks say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." The new restrictions could affect big American productions planned for Paris. One reporter said: "Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a shoot-out in the streets....I'm sure it would not get made." The annual Film Set Fair is in Paris this week. Filmmakers are worried there will be fewer movies filmed in Paris.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-31163424>
<http://www.theverge.com/2015/2/5/7984431/paris-action-movie-ban-terror-attacks>
<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/paris-bans-filming-of-action-movies-in-wake-of-charlie-hebdo-attacks-10026471.html>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. following the recent terror attacks | a. type scenes |
| 2. Security has | b. in the city |
| 3. soldiers are clearly | c. for terrorists |
| 4. Security | d. visible on the streets |
| 5. apply to the movie | e. the public |
| 6. There's a problem with these action- | f. increased |
| 7. actors in uniform could be targets | g. industry |
| 8. actors with guns could confuse | h. measures |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. The police do not know how long | a. movies filmed in Paris |
| 2. the time is not right | b. weapons |
| 3. fake | c. shoot |
| 4. I was shocked to | d. out in the streets |
| 5. it seemed like a movie | e. the ban will last |
| 6. film a big scene with police and a shoot- | f. get made |
| 7. I'm sure it would not | g. for car chases |
| 8. there will be fewer | h. hear witnesses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The filming of action movies in the streets of Paris (1) _____. This is following the (2) _____ in the city, which left 20 people dead. Security (3) _____ synagogues, newspaper and television company offices and shopping malls. Armed police and soldiers (4) _____ on the streets. Security measures (5) _____ the movie industry. Paris' police commander said: "There's a problem with these action-type scenes, as the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists." She added that actors with guns could (6) _____.

The police do not know (7) _____ will last. They said the time is not right for car chases (8) _____. The commander said: "I was shocked (9) _____ of the Charlie Hebdo attacks say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." The new restrictions (10) _____ American productions planned for Paris. One reporter said: "Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police (11) _____ the streets....I'm sure it would not get made." The annual Film Set Fair is in Paris this week. Filmmakers are worried there (12) _____ filmed in Paris.

ACTION MOVIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about action movies 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

