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Level 0

Get an electric shock to stop buying things

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new product will help us save money. It is a wristband called the Pavlok. It knows how much money we have in the bank. It gives us a small electric shock if we buy something but do not have enough money. In the future, many banks could give the Pavlok to their customers.

The Pavlok is part of the Internet of Things. People like it. Shoppers said it is better than getting a big shock from credit card bills. It is good for people who cannot stop spending - people with no willpower. Many young people buy too many things. They don't think about what is in their bank.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A new | a. much |
| 2. help us | b. the Pavlok |
| 3. it is a wristband called | c. their customers |
| 4. It knows how | d. shock |
| 5. money we have | e. product |
| 6. It gives us a small electric | f. money |
| 7. do not have enough | g. in the bank |
| 8. give the Pavlok to | h. save money |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. part of the Internet | a. spending |
| 2. it is better | b. people |
| 3. credit card | c. than getting a big shock |
| 4. cannot stop | d. many things |
| 5. people with no | e. is in their bank |
| 6. young | f. bills |
| 7. buy too | g. of Things |
| 8. They don't think about what | h. willpower |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new product will (1) _____ money. It is a wristband called the Pavlok. It (2) _____ money we have (3) _____. It gives us a small electric shock (4) _____ something but do not have (5) _____. In the future, many banks could give the Pavlok to (6) _____.

The Pavlok (7) _____ the Internet of Things. People like it. Shoppers (8) _____ better than getting (9) _____ from credit card bills. It is good for people who (10) _____ spending - people with no willpower. Many (11) _____ buy too many things. They don't think about what (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MONEY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160521-electric-shock-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about money 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) _____

