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Store staff get body cameras to protect themselves

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230907-supermarket-workers-2.html>

Supermarket staff in the UK will wear body cameras to protect themselves from attacks. More staff are being punched or threatened with knives by customers. Many sales assistants and checkout staff are afraid. They are stressed and worried about their safety. The UK's largest supermarket is offering its staff body cameras. It said the number of attacks on its workers has risen by a third in a year. More than 200 of its workers are victims of serious physical attacks each month. Thousands more are shouted at and verbally abused every day.

Newspapers say attacks on supermarket staff are a sign that Britain is "broken". There is a huge rise in anti-social behaviour in Britain. A survey published in a newspaper showed that 72 per cent of voters think the UK is broken. A supermarket CEO said his company has spent \$55 million on keeping his staff safe. There has also been a big increase in shoplifting. These two problems mean higher prices. The CEO wants new laws for people who attack staff. He said crime is damaging society and, "is an insult to shoppers". He said attacks on staff were "unacceptable" and "heart-breaking".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. protect themselves | a. staff are afraid |
| 2. threatened | b. workers has risen |
| 3. checkout | c. with knives |
| 4. worried about | d. abused every day |
| 5. the number of attacks on its | e. are shouted at |
| 6. victims of serious | f. from attacks |
| 7. Thousands more | g. their safety |
| 8. verbally | h. physical attacks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a huge rise in anti- | a. heart-breaking |
| 2. a survey published | b. in shoplifting |
| 3. keeping his staff | c. in a newspaper |
| 4. a big increase | d. society |
| 5. These two problems mean higher | e. social behaviour |
| 6. people who | f. safe |
| 7. He said crime is damaging | g. attack staff |
| 8. unacceptable and | h. prices |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Supermarket staff in the UK (1) _____ cameras to protect themselves from attacks. More staff are (2) _____ threatened with knives by customers. Many sales assistants and checkout staff are afraid. They are stressed and worried (3) _____. The UK's largest supermarket is offering its staff body cameras. It said the number of attacks on its workers has (4) _____ third in a year. More than 200 of its workers (5) _____ serious physical attacks each month. Thousands more are shouted at and verbally (6) _____.

Newspapers (7) _____ supermarket staff are a sign that Britain is "broken". There is (8) _____ in anti-social behaviour in Britain. A survey published in a newspaper showed that 72 per cent of voters think the UK is broken. A supermarket CEO said his (9) _____ \$55 million on keeping his staff safe. There has also been (10) _____ in shoplifting. These two problems mean higher prices. The CEO wants (11) _____ people who attack staff. He said crime is damaging society and, "is an insult to shoppers". He said (12) _____ were "unacceptable" and "heart-breaking".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUPERMARKETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about supermarkets 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

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