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Level 1 – 1st February 2024

French farmers cut off Paris with tractors

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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French farmers are angry. They are blocking roads around Paris. Their anger is because it is becoming more difficult to live. Energy, food and fertilizer are becoming more expensive. Farmers are also angry because the government is not protecting them from cheaper food coming from Eastern Europe. Finally, they are angry with European Union climate decisions that are adding to paperwork and the costs of doing business.

Farmers' tractors stopped traffic going in and out of Paris. They also piled smelly animal waste outside government offices. One farmer said: "We've come to defend French agriculture." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal is to starve Parisians." Farmers carried messages that said: "The end of us would mean famine for you." A farmers union said the government must find a solution and way out of the crisis.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. French farmers are | a. them |
| 2. They are blocking roads | b. more expensive |
| 3. it is becoming more difficult | c. decisions |
| 4. food and fertilizer are becoming | d. angry |
| 5. the government is not protecting | e. business |
| 6. cheaper food coming | f. around Paris |
| 7. climate | g. to live |
| 8. the costs of doing | h. from Eastern Europe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. tractors stopped traffic going in | a. starve Parisians |
| 2. animal | b. a solution |
| 3. We've come to defend | c. and out of Paris |
| 4. Parisians are going | d. of the crisis |
| 5. The goal is to | e. waste |
| 6. The end of us would mean famine | f. to be hungry |
| 7. the government must find | g. for you |
| 8. a way out | h. French agriculture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris-1.html>

French (1) _____. They are blocking roads around Paris. (2) _____ because it is becoming more difficult to live. Energy, (3) _____ are becoming more expensive. Farmers are also angry because the government (4) _____ them from cheaper food coming from Eastern Europe. Finally, they are angry with European Union (5) _____ are adding to paperwork and the costs (6) _____.

Farmers' tractors stopped (7) _____ and out of Paris. They also (8) _____ waste outside government offices. One farmer said: "We've (9) _____ French agriculture." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going (10) _____. The goal is to starve Parisians." Farmers carried messages that said: "The end of us (11) _____ for you." A farmers union said the government must find a solution and way out (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PARIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Paris 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) _____

