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London drivers face idling fine

26th March, 2015

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THE READING

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There will soon be a \$30 fine in London if people do not turn off their engine. This is to lower pollution. The fines could start on May 1. In April, traffic wardens will ask motorists to turn off their engines. If they do not, the new law will start. People and businesses complained about the air quality. London has the highest rate of death from air pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman said the government will do its best to reduce pollution.

The spokeswoman said people should keep driving. She said: "Traffic plays an important role in keeping our city moving, which is vital for its economic prosperity." She said people should understand the impact idling has on the environment. A motoring group is not happy with the fine. It said is a "revenue-raising exercise". It said old, large vehicles that idle should get fines, and not energy-efficient cars.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/environment/11490974/Visitors-to-West-End-face-20-fines-for-leaving-engines-on.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. people do not turn | a. quality |
| 2. The fines could | b. off their engines |
| 3. traffic | c. pollution |
| 4. ask motorists to turn | d. start on May 1 |
| 5. People and businesses | e. of death |
| 6. air | f. wardens |
| 7. the highest rate | g. complained |
| 8. reduce | h. off their engine |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. people should | a. moving |
| 2. Traffic plays an important | b. idling has |
| 3. keeping our city | c. understand |
| 4. vital for its economic | d. keep driving |
| 5. She said people should | e. efficient cars |
| 6. the impact | f. role |
| 7. a revenue- | g. prosperity |
| 8. energy- | h. raising exercise |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There will (1) _____ fine in London if people do not (2) _____ engine. This is to lower pollution. The fines could start on May 1. In April, traffic wardens will ask motorists to turn off their engines. (3) _____, the new law will start. People and businesses complained about (4) _____. London has the (5) _____ from air pollution in Britain. A spokeswoman said the government will (6) _____ pollution.

The spokeswoman said people (7) _____. She said: "Traffic plays (8) _____ in keeping our city moving, which is vital for its (9) _____." She said people should understand the (10) _____ on the environment. A motoring group is not happy with the fine. It said is a "revenue-(11) _____". It said old, large vehicles that idle should get fines, and not (12) _____ cars.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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)

WRITING

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