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Level 2

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 for London drivers if they do not turn off their engine. Authorities want to lower the amount of pollution in the capital city. The fines could start on May 1. In April, traffic wardens in the area of Westminster will ask motorists to turn off their engines. If people do not follow their advice, the new law will start. Local people and businesses complained about the air quality. Westminster has the second highest rate of deaths from air pollution in Britain. A Westminster spokeswoman said: "The council is committed to improving air quality in Westminster."

The spokeswoman spoke about the importance of keeping people on the roads and reducing pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important role in keeping our city moving, which is vital for its economic prosperity. We want to raise motorist awareness of the impact engine idling can have on the environment." Not everyone is happy with the new fine. A motoring group said people might think the fine is a "revenue-raising exercise". It said traffic wardens should fine "old buses, coaches, large trucks...company vans or taxis idling for long periods" 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>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-31989916>
<http://www.businesscar.co.uk/news/2015/westminster-council-impose-fines-for-idling-motorists>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150326-idling-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. There will soon be a | a. advice |
| 2. lower the amount | b. complained |
| 3. capital | c. quality |
| 4. traffic | d. rate of deaths |
| 5. follow their | e. \$30 fine |
| 6. Local people and businesses | f. wardens |
| 7. the second highest | g. of pollution |
| 8. improving air | h. city |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the importance of keeping | a. city moving |
| 2. reducing | b. have on the environment. |
| 3. keeping our | c. cars |
| 4. vital for its economic | d. long periods |
| 5. raise motorist | e. people on the roads |
| 6. the impact engine idling can | f. awareness |
| 7. taxis idling for | g. pollution |
| 8. energy-efficient | h. prosperity |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There will soon (1) _____ for London drivers if they do not turn off their engine. Authorities want to (2) _____ of pollution in the capital city. The fines could start on May 1. In April, traffic wardens in the area of Westminster will ask motorists (3) _____ engines. If people (4) _____ their advice, the new law will start. Local people and businesses complained about the air quality. Westminster has the second (5) _____ deaths from air pollution in Britain. A Westminster spokeswoman said: "The council (6) _____ improving air quality in Westminster."

The spokeswoman spoke about the importance (7) _____ the roads and reducing pollution. She said: "Motor traffic plays an important role (8) _____ city moving, (9) _____ economic prosperity. We want to raise motorist awareness of the (10) _____ can have on the environment." Not everyone is happy with the new fine. A motoring group said people might (11) _____ a "revenue-raising exercise". It said traffic wardens should fine "old buses, coaches, large trucks...company vans or taxis idling for long periods" and not (12) _____.

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)

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