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Level 4

U.S. companies end ties with gun group NRA

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180227-gun-violence-4.html>

U.S. companies, like United Airlines and Hertz, are planning to cut ties with the USA's National Rifle Association (NRA). This is after the high-school shooting in South Florida in which 17 students and staff died. Many other companies are cutting ties with the powerful NRA lobby group. They will end discounts and benefits for NRA members. This could be a watershed for gun control in the USA. There is also a growing campaign for change on social media.

The NRA attacked the failure of the school and government for the tragedy. It stated: "Law-abiding members of the NRA had nothing at all to do with the failure of that school's security preparedness, the failure of America's mental health system...or the cruel failures of...law enforcement." It said that companies that punished NRA members for the tragedy were "shameful". It added that the loss of discounts would not stop the NRA from defending freedom.

Sources: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/companies-cutting-ties-nra-grows-include-hertz-metlife/story?id=53322436>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. planning to cut | a. campaign |
| 2. the powerful NRA lobby | b. a watershed |
| 3. They will | c. social media |
| 4. benefits for NRA | d. members |
| 5. This could be | e. end discounts |
| 6. gun control in | f. ties |
| 7. There is also a growing | g. group |
| 8. change on | h. the USA |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Law-abiding members | a. enforcement |
| 2. that school's security | b. not stop the NRA |
| 3. America's mental | c. preparedness |
| 4. cruel | d. freedom |
| 5. law | e. of the NRA |
| 6. punished NRA members | f. failures |
| 7. the loss of discounts would | g. for the tragedy |
| 8. defending | h. health system |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.S. companies, like United Airlines and Hertz, (1) _____

cut ties with the USA's National Rifle Association (NRA). This is after the

high-(2) _____ South Florida in which 17 students and staff

died. Many other companies are (3) _____ the powerful

NRA lobby group. They (4) _____ and benefits for NRA

members. This could (5) _____ for gun control in the USA.

There is also a growing campaign for (6) _____ media.

The NRA attacked (7) _____ the school and government for

the tragedy. It stated: "(8) _____ of the NRA

(9) _____ all to do with the failure of that school's security

preparedness, the failure of America's (10) _____...or the

cruel failures of...law enforcement." It said that companies that punished

NRA members (11) _____ were "shameful". It added that

the loss of discounts would not stop the NRA (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GUN VIOLENCE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about gun violence 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) _____

