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Level 4 – 8th January 2024

Muggers now targeting luxury winter coats

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings-4.html>

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings-4.html>

A series of muggings in cities worldwide has seen people robbed of expensive coats. In recent weeks, people have had their coats stolen at knifepoint. A man in the UK was slashed across his face when thieves mugged him for his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200. A criminologist in the U.K. warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".

The criminologist warned people wearing brand coats to be careful. He said: "Be aware of your surroundings....You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal your coat." He added that thieves are changing from stealing watches to coats. A London Transport spokesperson said the muggings were "a real concern". She said they have a huge impact on the safety of young people, and that the crimes were frightening.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A series | a. were worrying |
| 2. people robbed | b. across his face |
| 3. had their coats stolen | c. of muggings |
| 4. A man in the UK was slashed | d. for his jacket |
| 5. thieves mugged him | e. crime trend |
| 6. Criminals are | f. of expensive coats |
| 7. the start of a new luxury | g. targeting coats |
| 8. He said the thefts | h. at knifepoint |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The criminologist warned | a. spokesperson |
| 2. brand | b. impact |
| 3. Be aware of your | c. vigilant |
| 4. You have to be | d. frightening |
| 5. opportunists who might | e. coats |
| 6. A London Transport | f. people |
| 7. have a huge | g. try to steal |
| 8. the crimes were | h. surroundings |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings-4.html>

A (1) _____ in cities worldwide has seen people (2) _____ coats. In recent weeks, people have had their coats stolen at knifepoint. A man in the UK was (3) _____ face when thieves mugged him for his jacket. Criminals (4) _____ that cost as much as \$2,200. A criminologist in the U.K. warned (5) _____ were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the (6) _____.

The criminologist warned people (7) _____ to be careful. He said: "Be (8) _____ surroundings...You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might (9) _____ your coat." He added that thieves are (10) _____ watches to coats. A London Transport spokesperson said the muggings were "a real concern". She said they have (11) _____ on the safety of young people, and that the (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WINTER COATS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about winter coats 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) _____

