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Typewriters to stop Russian computer leaks

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THE READING

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Western newspapers say Russia will start using typewriters to stop computer leaks. Russian newspapers say this is not true. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets by using the old-fashioned machines. The BBC said Russia's intelligence service (FSO) bought the typewriters because of WikiLeaks and leaks by former U.S. intelligence worker Edward Snowden. The FSO told Russia's press that these scandals, plus reports that Russia's Prime Minister was spied on at the G20 summit in London, means it has "decided to expand the practice of creating paper documents".

The Kremlin said it bought 20 typewriters for \$14,800. The FSO stated that the purchase "has been planned for more than a year" and that it was not because of WikiLeaks or Mr Snowden. The FSO told Russia's RT news agency that it has always used typewriters. It added that it was simply time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date. An official said: "It's not something unusual...The time came to change them. All the special services use them." A post on the RT website stated that "A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 surveillance system".

Sources: <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2013/07/11/kremlin-turns-back-to-typewriters-to-avoid-security-leaks/>
<http://rt.com/news/typewriters-russia-order-surveillance-975/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23282308>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. start using typewriters to | a. spied on |
| 2. the Kremlin wants to keep | b. service |
| 3. Russia's intelligence | c. documents |
| 4. former U.S. | d. stop computer leaks |
| 5. Russia's Prime Minister was | e. to expand |
| 6. at the G20 summit | f. its secrets |
| 7. decided | g. in London |
| 8. creating paper | h. intelligence worker |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. it bought 20 typewriters | a. the RT website |
| 2. planned for | b. of WikiLeaks |
| 3. it was not because | c. time to buy new ones |
| 4. it was simply | d. more effective |
| 5. the old equipment | e. for \$14,800 |
| 6. A post on | f. system |
| 7. a \$5 padlock is often | g. was out of date |
| 8. a \$24,000 surveillance | h. more than a year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Kremlin (7) _____ typewriters for \$14,800. The FSO stated that the purchase "has (8) _____ more than a year" (9) _____ because of WikiLeaks or Mr Snowden. The FSO told Russia's RT news agency that it has always used typewriters. It added (10) _____ time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date. An official said: "It's not something unusual...The (11) _____ them. All the special services use them." A post on the RT website stated that "A \$5 padlock is (12) _____ than a \$24,000 surveillance system".

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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d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
