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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140825-food-shortages-1.html

There are shortages of food and basic goods in Venezuela. People panic and buy too much when they see things in stores. The president will start a new system so people can't buy too much. Stores will scan customers' fingerprints when they buy food. This is so everyone gets an equal share of food. No one knows when the new system will start. It could be January. People do not know how much food they can buy or what happens if they buy too much.

There are many reasons for the food shortages. Smugglers buy cheap food and resell it in Colombia for four times the original price. Another reason is that the government controls food prices so food companies cannot make a profit. A final reason is Venezuela's currency is weak, so imported food is expensive. People say fingerprinting takes away people's privacy. The economy must change. The government must have less control.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140825-food-shortages-1.html

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	shortages of food	a.	fingerprints
2	People panic and	b.	much food they can buy
3.	The president will	с.	system will start
4.	scan customers'	d.	be January
5.	everyone gets	e.	and basic goods
6.	No one knows when the new	f.	an equal share
7.	It could	g.	buy too much
8.	People do not know how	h.	start a new system

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	There are many reasons	a.	must change
2	Smugglers buy	b.	is weak
3.	Venezuela's currency is weak	c.	control
4.	companies cannot make	d.	privacy
5.	imported	e.	for the food shortages
6.	fingerprinting takes away people's	f.	a profit
7.	The economy	g.	food is expensive
8.	government must have less	h.	cheap food

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are shortages of (1) ______ in Venezuela. People panic and buy too much (2) _____ in stores. The president will start a new (3) _____ can't buy too much. Stores (4) _____ fingerprints when they buy food. This is so everyone gets an (5) food. No one knows when the new system will start. It could be January. People do not know how much food they can buy (6) ______ if they buy too much. There are (7) _____ the food shortages. Smugglers buy cheap food (8) _____ Colombia for four times (9) ______. Another reason is that

the government (10) ________ so food companies cannot make a profit. A final reason is Venezuela's currency is weak, so (11) _______ expensive. People say fingerprinting takes away people's privacy. The economy must change. The government must (12) ______.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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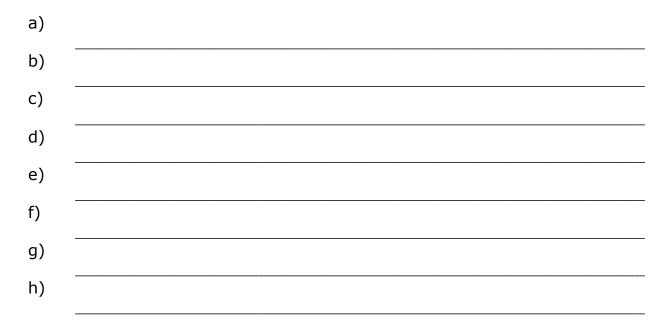
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a)		
b)		
c)	 	
d)	 	
e)	 	
f)	 	
g)		
h)		

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



WRITING

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