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## **Level 1**

# **Barack Obama's credit card problem**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141020-credit-cards-1.html>

Even the U.S. President has embarrassing credit card moments. Barack Obama was in an expensive New York restaurant. The cashier said no to his credit card. The President said: "I went to a restaurant...and my credit card was rejected....I guess, I don't use it enough." He said the cashier thought his card was being used illegally. He did not have enough cash to pay the bill. Luckily, his wife used her credit card, so they could leave the restaurant.

Mr Obama signed a new law to protect credit-card users. It will also help stop identity theft. This is a big problem all over the world. Hackers stole the private information of around 100 million Americans last year. The new law is called "BuySecure". Credit cards will stop using magnetic strips. Hackers can read them easily. Hackers put the information on other cards. New credit cards will have microchips and PIN numbers.

Sources: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/10/17/president-obamas-credit-card-was-rejected-last-month/>  
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/obamas-credit-card-declined-at-restaurant/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-29664831>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141020-credit-cards-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. embarrassing credit card | a. cash to pay the bill |
| 2. in an expensive New York | b. her credit card      |
| 3. The cashier said no to   | c. restaurant           |
| 4. my credit card           | d. used illegally       |
| 5. his card was being       | e. moments              |
| 6. He did not have enough   | f. the restaurant       |
| 7. his wife used            | g. his credit card      |
| 8. they could leave         | h. was rejected         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Obama signed a new  | a. numbers         |
| 2. protect credit-        | b. the world       |
| 3. help stop identity     | c. strips          |
| 4. a big problem all over | d. card users      |
| 5. private                | e. theft           |
| 6. magnetic               | f. have microchips |
| 7. New credit cards will  | g. law             |
| 8. PIN                    | h. information     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Obama signed a new (7) \_\_\_\_\_ credit-card users. It will also (8) \_\_\_\_\_ theft. This is a big problem all over the world. Hackers stole the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of around 100 million Americans last year. The new law is called "BuySecure". Credit cards will stop using (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Hackers can read them easily. Hackers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on other cards. New credit cards will have microchips (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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hthiscardwasbeingusedillegally.Hedidnothaveenoughcashtopaythe  
bill.Luckily,hiswifeusedhercreditcard,sotheycouldleavetherestaura  
nt.MrObamasignedanewlawtoprotectcreditcardusers.Itwillalsohelp  
stopidentitytheft.Thisisabigproblemallovertheworld.Hackersstolet  
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ckerscanreadthemeasily.Hackersputtheinformationonothercards.N  
ewcreditcardswillhavemicrochipsandPINnumbers.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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