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Level 2

Black Friday brings out bargain hunters

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THE READING

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A busy shopping day has brought out millions of bargain hunters across the world. The day is called Black Friday. Stores give discounts of up to 70 per cent on thousands of things. It is a big shopping day in the USA. Four years ago, it went to Britain. It is now huge in the UK. On Friday, British police were called to four supermarkets just after midnight (the sales started at one minute past midnight). Police were worried that shoppers would get crushed in the crowds. Officers worked with store staff to make sure that sale-goers could enter and exit the stores safely.

Shoppers in the UK were happy to go shopping, but store employees in the USA were angry. Many stores started Black Friday a day early, on the US celebration of Thanksgiving. Store workers and shoppers thought it was wrong to work on Thanksgiving. This is usually a time for people to spend with family. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' Facebook page has 114,000 likes. Many big stores did not open. CNN said there are over 60 petitions on the website Change.org. They want to change Black Friday. They think family is more important than profits.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2851919/Early-bird-backlash-Thanksgiving-store-opening-hours-spark-fury-employees-shoppers.html#ixzz3KLBfuwFf>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-30241459>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A busy shopping | a. in the crowds |
| 2. millions of bargain | b. safely |
| 3. give discounts | c. minute past midnight |
| 4. just | d. hunters |
| 5. the sales started at one | e. of up to 70 per cent |
| 6. get crushed | f. goers could enter |
| 7. make sure that sale- | g. after midnight |
| 8. exit the stores | h. day |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. store | a. page has 114,000 likes |
| 2. the US celebration | b. employees |
| 3. shoppers thought it was wrong | c. the website Change.org |
| 4. a time for people to | d. of Thanksgiving |
| 5. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' Facebook | e. important than profits |
| 6. Many big stores | f. to work on Thanksgiving |
| 7. 60 petitions on | g. did not open |
| 8. family is more | h. spend with family |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A busy shopping day has (1) _____ of bargain hunters across the world. The day is called Black Friday. Stores give (2) _____ 70 per cent on thousands of things. It is a big shopping day in the USA. Four years ago, it went to Britain. It (3) _____ UK. On Friday, British police were called to four supermarkets (4) _____ (the sales started at one minute past midnight). Police were worried that shoppers would get (5) _____. Officers worked with store staff to make sure that sale-goers could (6) _____ the stores safely.

Shoppers in the UK were (7) _____, but store employees in the USA were angry. Many stores started Black Friday a day early, on (8) _____ Thanksgiving. Store workers and shoppers thought (9) _____ work on Thanksgiving. This is usually (10) _____ to spend with family. A 'Boycott Black Thursday' Facebook page has 114,000 likes. Many big stores did not open. CNN (11) _____ 60 petitions on the website Change.org. They want to change Black Friday. They think family is more (12) _____.

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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
