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Level 0

New action to stop nuisance phone calls

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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People hate telephone calls from companies trying to sell things. These calls are called 'nuisance calls'. Britain wants to stop them. It wants to stop companies hiding their telephone number. People could report companies who make nuisance calls. In the future, nuisance callers could get a fine of up to \$720,000.

Around 75% of people in Britain get monthly cold calls. This number is increasing. One company made 40 million cold calls in three months. A British politician said: "There is no simple solution to the problem." She said companies should show their number. She added that these calls made some people angry and sad.

Sources: <http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500270607/New-rules-to-clamp-down-on-nuisance-calls>
<http://www.themoneypages.com/latest-news/cold-callers-could-be-fined-500000-in-new-crackdown/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35290780>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. companies | a. \$720,000 |
| 2. These calls are | b. trying to sell things |
| 3. Britain wants to stop | c. who make nuisance calls |
| 4. stop companies hiding | d. called 'nuisance calls' |
| 5. People could report companies | e. get a fine |
| 6. In the | f. them |
| 7. nuisance callers could | g. their telephone number |
| 8. up to | h. future |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Around 75% | a. increasing |
| 2. monthly | b. their number |
| 3. This number is | c. cold calls |
| 4. One company made 40 million cold calls | d. some people angry |
| 5. A British | e. of people in Britain |
| 6. There is no simple solution | f. politician |
| 7. companies should show | g. in three months |
| 8. these calls made | h. to the problem |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People hate telephone (1) _____ trying to sell things. These (2) _____ 'nuisance calls'. Britain wants (3) _____. It wants to stop companies hiding their telephone number. (4) _____ companies who make nuisance calls. (5) _____, nuisance callers could get a fine (6) _____.

(7) _____ people in Britain get monthly cold calls. This (8) _____. One company made 40 million (9) _____ three months. A British politician said: "There is (10) _____ to the problem." She said companies (11) _____ number. She (12) _____ calls made some people angry and sad.

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) _____

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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) _____

