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## **Level 2**

### **Get an electric shock to stop buying things**

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<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160521-electric-shock-2.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160521-electric-shock-2.html>

A company has made a new product to help us save money. It is a wristband that gives us an electric shock if we spend too much. The wristband, called Pavlok, is linked to our bank account. It knows how much money we have. If there is not enough money in our bank account when we buy something, the wristband gives us a 255-volt electric shock so we don't overspend. The company wants to help bank customers with their money. So far, no banks have said they would offer the Pavlok to their customers. They could start doing this in the future.

The Pavlok wristband is part of the Internet of Things. Everything in our life will be connected to the Internet. The Pavlok CEO said people liked the idea of the electric shock wristband. Shoppers said it was better than getting a big shock when they saw their credit card bill. The CEO said the Pavlok is good for people who cannot stop spending. They have weak or no willpower. He said many young people are like the bird the ostrich. They stick their heads in the sand to escape real life. They buy things without thinking about how much money they have in their bank.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A company has made a   | a. electric shock     |
| 2. linked to our bank     | b. future             |
| 3. If there is not enough | c. customers          |
| 4. a 255-volt             | d. doing this         |
| 5. help bank              | e. account            |
| 6. offer the Pavlok       | f. new product        |
| 7. They could start       | g. money              |
| 8. in the                 | h. to their customers |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. part                       | a. life                      |
| 2. our life will be connected | b. thinking                  |
| 3. credit card                | c. to the Internet           |
| 4. They have weak or no       | d. of the Internet of Things |
| 5. They stick their heads     | e. willpower                 |
| 6. escape real                | f. they have                 |
| 7. buy things without         | g. bill                      |
| 8. how much money             | h. in the sand               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A company has made (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to help us save money. It is a wristband (2) \_\_\_\_\_ electric shock if we spend too much. The wristband, called Pavlok, is linked to our bank account. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ money we have. If there is not enough money in our bank account when we buy something, the wristband gives (4) \_\_\_\_\_ electric shock so we don't overspend. The company wants to help bank customers (5) \_\_\_\_\_. So far, no banks have said they would offer the Pavlok to their customers. They could start (6) \_\_\_\_\_ future.

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MONEY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1605/160521-electric-shock-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about money in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

