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Level 4

Man paints own 'no parking' lines outside his house

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THE READING

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A New Zealander has taken road traffic safety into his own hands. Russell Taylor started painting yellow no-parking lines outside his house 20 years ago. He wanted to improve traffic safety in his neighborhood. Taylor painted the yellow lines after Wellington Council's lack of interest about road safety. He explained that he had seen many accidents on his narrow street. He said his actions have made the road safer.

Wellington City Council said it knew about the road markings and that they would remove them. It pointed out that it was illegal to install such "fake traffic devices". It said: "We're aware...that the fire service had trouble getting to a house fire there in the past year because of parked vehicles." It also said it would meet people to discuss no parking signs. The council said Taylor would not be prosecuted for his road markings.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-40776651>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. taken road traffic safety | a. his house |
| 2. painting yellow no- | b. of interest |
| 3. outside | c. in his neighborhood |
| 4. improve traffic safety | d. accidents |
| 5. lack | e. street |
| 6. he had seen many | f. into his own hands |
| 7. on his narrow | g. the road safer |
| 8. his actions have made | h. parking lines |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. road | a. vehicles |
| 2. it was illegal to install such | b. markings |
| 3. fire | c. prosecuted |
| 4. trouble getting to a house | d. "fake traffic devices" |
| 5. in the past | e. parking signs |
| 6. parked | f. fire |
| 7. meet people to discuss no | g. service |
| 8. Taylor would not be | h. year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A New Zealander has taken road traffic (1) _____ own hands. Russell Taylor started painting yellow no-parking (2) _____ house 20 years ago. He wanted to improve traffic (3) _____ neighborhood. Taylor painted the yellow lines after Wellington Council's (4) _____ about road safety. He explained that he had seen many accidents (5) _____ street. He said his actions have made (6) _____.

Wellington City Council said (7) _____ the road markings and that they would remove them. It pointed out (8) _____ illegal (9) _____ "fake traffic devices". It said: "We're aware...that the fire service had trouble (10) _____ house fire there in the past year because of parked vehicles." It also said it would meet people (11) _____ parking signs. The council said Taylor would not be prosecuted (12) _____ markings.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about parking restrictions 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) _____

