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Level 1

'Nutella riots' in France after 70% price cut

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Shoppers in France have been fighting to buy the hazelnut spread Nutella. A chain of supermarkets cut the price of it by 70 per cent on Thursday. The cost went from €4.50 to €1.41. There were long lines of shoppers outside stores. Inside, shoppers got angry in the aisles. A witness described the chaos to French newspapers: He said: "They fought like animals. A woman had her hair pulled...and another woman had a bloody hand. It was terrible."

An Italian company called Ferrero makes Nutella. It had nothing to do with the discount. Only the supermarket decided to cut prices. Ferrero was sad at what happened. It said the discount, "created confusion and disappointment among customers". The supermarket did not comment, but a worker said: "It was crazy...like it was the first day of sales....It was like a riot." A tweeter said Nutella is very important and that, "French people eat it by the spoonful".

Sources: <http://www.euronews.com/2018/01/26/nutella-price-cut-sparks-fights-between-shoppers-in-supermarkets-across-france>
<https://www.thelocal.fr/20180126/what-the-great-nutella-riots-of-2018-tell-us-about-the-french>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180128-nutella-riots-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. buy the hazelnut | a. to French newspapers |
| 2. long lines of shoppers | b. hand |
| 3. shoppers got angry in the | c. spread Nutella |
| 4. A witness described the chaos | d. terrible |
| 5. They fought like | e. aisles |
| 6. A woman had her hair | f. animals |
| 7. another woman had a bloody | g. outside stores |
| 8. It was | h. pulled |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It had nothing to do | a. and disappointment |
| 2. Only the supermarket decided | b. the spoonful |
| 3. Ferrero was sad | c. with the discount |
| 4. created confusion | d. of sales |
| 5. The supermarket did | e. a riot |
| 6. it was the first day | f. at what happened |
| 7. It was like | g. to cut prices |
| 8. French people eat it by | h. not comment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Shoppers in France have been (1) _____ the hazelnut spread Nutella. A (2) _____ cut the price of it by 70 per cent on Thursday. The (3) _____ €4.50 to €1.41. There were long lines of shoppers outside stores. Inside, shoppers got angry (4) _____. A witness described (5) _____ French newspapers: He said: "They fought like animals. A woman had her hair pulled...and another woman had (6) _____. It was terrible."

(7) _____ called Ferrero makes Nutella. It had nothing to do (8) _____. Only the supermarket decided to cut prices. Ferrero was sad at what happened. It (9) _____, "created confusion and disappointment among customers". The supermarket did not comment, but a worker said: "(10) _____ ...like it was the first day of sales....It was (11) _____." A tweeter said Nutella is very important and that, "French people eat it (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NUTELLA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180128-nutella-riots-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Nutella 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) _____

