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Level 5

U.S. companies end ties with gun group NRA

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THE READING

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Many companies are announcing plans to cut ties with the USA's National Rifle Association (NRA) after the high-school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in South Florida. That tragedy saw 17 students and staff lose their lives. Many high profile companies, like United Airlines, Delta Airlines and Hertz, are cutting ties with the powerful NRA lobby group. They will end special discounts and benefits for NRA members. This could be a watershed for gun control in the USA. There is also a growing campaign on social media for greater change in the USA regarding guns.

The NRA attacked the failure of both school and federal systems for the high school tragedy. It stated: "The law-abiding members of the NRA had nothing at all to do with the failure of that school's security preparedness, the failure of America's mental health system...or the cruel failures of...law enforcement." It added that: "Some corporations have decided to punish NRA membership in a shameful display of...cowardice." The NRA said: "The loss of a discount will neither scare nor distract one single NRA member from our mission to stand and defend individual freedoms."

Sources: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/companies-cutting-ties-nra-grows-include-hertz-metlife/story?id=53322436>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. companies are announcing plans | a. social media |
| 2. the high-school | b. to cut ties |
| 3. high profile | c. regarding guns |
| 4. They will end special | d. companies |
| 5. benefits for | e. for gun control |
| 6. This could be a watershed | f. discounts |
| 7. a growing campaign on | g. shooting |
| 8. greater change in the USA | h. NRA members |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the failure of both school and | a. discount |
| 2. law-abiding | b. health system |
| 3. the failure of America's mental | c. enforcement |
| 4. the cruel failures of law | d. freedoms |
| 5. decided to | e. of cowardice |
| 6. a shameful display | f. federal systems |
| 7. The loss of a | g. punish NRA membership |
| 8. stand and defend individual | h. members of the NRA |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many companies are announcing (1) _____ ties with the USA's National Rifle Association (NRA) after the high-school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in South Florida.

(2) _____ 17 students and staff (3) _____.

Many high profile companies, like United Airlines, Delta Airlines and Hertz, are cutting ties (4) _____ NRA lobby group. They will end special discounts and benefits for NRA members. This could (5) _____ for gun control in the USA. There is also a growing campaign on social media for (6) _____ the USA regarding guns.

The NRA (7) _____ of both school and federal systems for the high school tragedy. It stated: "The (8) _____ of the NRA had nothing at all to do with (9) _____ that school's security preparedness, the failure of America's mental health system...or the (10) _____...law enforcement." It added that: "Some corporations have decided to punish NRA membership in (11) _____ of...cowardice." The NRA said: "The loss of a discount will neither scare nor distract one single NRA member from our mission to (12) _____ individual freedoms."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GUN VIOLENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180227-gun-violence-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about gun violence 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) _____

