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Level 2 – 23rd December, 2018

'Eco-warriors' blamed for UK airport shutdown

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

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THE READING

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A drone shut England's second largest airport for 30 hours this week. Police think "eco-warriors" operated the drone and are looking for them. These activists protest to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone stopped flights from leaving the UK's Gatwick Airport over two days. The airport had to close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers were affected. Many of them were going home for Christmas. Instead, they had to sleep on the airport floor or find flights from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding gate.

The police are talking about how to stop other people using drones to cause chaos. They are worried drones could attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important buildings. Police were in "a game of cat and mouse" with the drone. They said: "When we look to reopen the airfield, the drone reappears again." This happened many times. The police and the British Army couldn't find the drone's operator. The police are worried a drone could cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could be given five years in jail.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/12/20/678579115/gatwick-airport-shuts-down-due-to-drones-flying-near-runway>
<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/612656/its-only-a-matter-of-time-before-a-drone-takes-down-a-passenger-plane/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-sussex-46640033>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Police think "eco-warriors" | a. the airport floor |
| 2. raise | b. were affected |
| 3. environmental | c. gate |
| 4. Over 120,000 travellers | d. awareness |
| 5. Many of them were going | e. sitting on a plane |
| 6. they had to sleep on | f. problems |
| 7. spent nine hours | g. home for Christmas |
| 8. the boarding | h. operated the drone |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. stop other people | a. attack airports |
| 2. cause | b. plane to crash |
| 3. drones could | c. many times |
| 4. a game of cat | d. five years in jail |
| 5. This happened | e. operator |
| 6. find the drone's | f. using drones |
| 7. a drone could cause a | g. and mouse |
| 8. could be given | h. chaos |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A drone shut England's second (1) _____ 30 hours this week. Police think "eco-warriors" operated the drone and are (2) _____. These activists protest to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone stopped (3) _____ the UK's Gatwick Airport over two days. The airport had to (4) _____. Over 120,000 travellers were affected. Many of them were going home for Christmas. Instead, they had (5) _____ the airport floor or find flights from other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near (6) _____.

The police are talking about how (7) _____ people using drones (8) _____. They are worried drones could attack airports, nuclear power stations and other important buildings. Police were in "a game of (9) _____" with the drone. They said: "When we look to reopen the airfield, the (10) _____." This happened many times. The police and the British Army couldn't find the drone's operator. The police are (11) _____ could cause a plane to crash. The operator of the drone could (12) _____ years in jail.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Airports 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) _____

