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**Level 0 – 15th May, 2019**

## **San Francisco bans facial recognition software**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-0.html>

San Francisco has banned facial recognition. The city uses cameras for car number plates and at airports. Officials say facial recognition will increase security. Police can quickly and cheaply find criminals and missing people. An expert said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] frozen in time with [old] technology."

An official said facial recognition was like "Big Brother" from the book "1984". Big Brother is when governments try to control and spy on everyone. The official said: "We can have security without being a security state [and] good policing without being a police state." He said community information was best to build trust.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/san-francisco-becomes-first-us-city-to-ban-police-from-using-facial-recognition-technology-11720324>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/san-francisco-1st-us-city-outlaw-police-facial-recognition-technology>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-48276660>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The city uses      | a. on facial recognition |
| 2. car number         | b. and cheaply           |
| 3. increase           | c. plates                |
| 4. quickly            | d. time                  |
| 5. find criminals and | e. security              |
| 6. A ban              | f. technology            |
| 7. frozen in          | g. cameras               |
| 8. old                | h. missing people        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. facial recognition was | a. 1984"              |
| 2. from the book "        | b. state              |
| 3. control and spy        | c. security state     |
| 4. We can                 | d. trust              |
| 5. without being a        | e. have security      |
| 6. good                   | f. like "Big Brother" |
| 7. without being a police | g. on everyone        |
| 8. build                  | h. policing           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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San Francisco (1) \_\_\_\_\_ recognition. The city uses  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ number plates and at airports. Officials  
say facial recognition (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Police can quickly  
and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and missing people. An expert  
said: "A (5) \_\_\_\_\_ recognition will make [San  
Francisco] frozen in time (6) \_\_\_\_\_."  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_ facial recognition was like "Big Brother"  
from (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Big Brother is when governments  
try to control (9) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone. The official  
said: "We can have security (10) \_\_\_\_\_ security  
state [and] (11) \_\_\_\_\_ being a police state." He  
said community information was best (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SanFranciscohasbannedfacialrecognition.Thecityusescamerasforca  
rnumberplatesandatairports.Officialsessayfacialrecognitionwillinrea  
sesecurity.Policecanquicklyandcheaplyfindcriminalsandmissingpeo  
ple.Anexpertsaid:"Abanonfacialrecognitionwillmake[SanFrancisco]  
frozenintimewith[old]technology."Anofficialsaidfacialrecognitionwa  
slike"BigBrother"fromthebook"1984".BigBrotheriswhengovernmen  
tstrytocontrolandspyoneveryone.Theofficialsaid:"Wecanhavesecuri  
tywithoutbeingasecuritystate[and]goodpolicingwithoutbeingapolic  
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# BIG BROTHER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Big Brother 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) \_\_\_\_\_

