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San Francisco bans facial recognition software

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-1.html>

San Francisco is the first U.S. city to ban facial recognition. The police cannot use the software. The city already uses cameras for car number plates and at airports. The police wear body cameras. Officials say facial recognition will increase security. They say it is cheaper and faster for police to find criminals and to find missing people. A technology 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". This is a character in the book "1984". The phrase Big Brother describes governments trying to control and spy on everyone. The official said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He said we should build trust by using good community information, not by using Big Brother technology. Many countries use facial recognition.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the first U.S. city to ban | a. cameras |
| 2. The police cannot | b. body cameras |
| 3. The city already uses | c. people |
| 4. car number | d. and faster |
| 5. The police wear | e. facial recognition |
| 6. increase | f. plates |
| 7. it is cheaper | g. use the software |
| 8. find missing | h. security |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. facial recognition was like | a. a security state |
| 2. This is a character in | b. on everyone |
| 3. control and spy | c. facial recognition |
| 4. security without being | d. police state |
| 5. good | e. "Big Brother" |
| 6. without being a | f. the book |
| 7. we should | g. policing |
| 8. Many countries use | h. build trust |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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San Francisco is the first U.S. (1) _____ facial recognition. The police cannot (2) _____. The city already uses cameras for car number plates and at airports. The police (3) _____. Officials say facial recognition will increase security. They say it is (4) _____ for police to find criminals and to (5) _____. A technology expert said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] (6) _____ with [old] technology."

An (7) _____ recognition was like "Big Brother". This is a (8) _____ book "1984". The phrase Big Brother describes governments trying to (9) _____ on everyone. The official said: "We can have (10) _____ a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He said we (11) _____ by using good community information, not by using Big Brother technology. Many (12) _____ recognition.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BIG BROTHER SURVEY

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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) _____

