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**Level 0 – 4th September 2025**

## **Campaigners want to stop 'carspreading' in cities**

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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/2509/250904-carspreading-0.html>

An environmental group wants to stop "carspreading". This is when cars are too wide for towns. It causes traffic jams and accidents. The number of SUVs is increasing. There are 10 times more of these in the UK now than 20 years ago. People want higher parking fees for SUVs because they take up more space.

The environmental group said people walking and cycling are more at risk. Walkers and cyclists hit by SUVs are more likely to die. More than half of new cars in the UK are too big and dangerous for cities. Not everyone agrees with the group. One driver said it was unfair to make life more expensive for people who drive SUVs.

Sources: <https://cleancitiescampaign.org/carspreading/>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/calls-to-charge-suv-drivers-more-for-parking-amid-carspreading-13420395>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/aug/29/giant-cars-motoring-uk-public-safety-paris>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. An environmental           | a. ago            |
| 2. cars are too               | b. jams           |
| 3. It causes traffic          | c. up more space  |
| 4. The number                 | d. wide for towns |
| 5. There are 10 times         | e. fees for SUVs  |
| 6. 20 years                   | f. of SUVs        |
| 7. People want higher parking | g. group          |
| 8. they take                  | h. more of these  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people walking           | a. of new cars          |
| 2. more at                  | b. cyclists             |
| 3. Walkers and              | c. for people who drive |
| 4. more likely              | d. risk                 |
| 5. More than half           | e. unfair               |
| 6. Not everyone agrees      | f. to die               |
| 7. One driver said it was   | g. with the group       |
| 8. make life more expensive | h. and cycling          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An environmental (1) \_\_\_\_\_ stop  
"carspreading". (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cars are too wide  
for towns. It causes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ accidents.  
The number of (4) \_\_\_\_\_. There are 10  
times (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK now than 20 years  
ago. People want higher parking fees for SUVs because they take  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The environmental (7) \_\_\_\_\_ walking and  
cycling are (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Walkers and cyclists  
hit by SUVs are more (9) \_\_\_\_\_. More than  
half of new cars in the UK are (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
dangerous for cities. Not everyone  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ group. One driver said it was  
unfair to make life more expensive for  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ SUVs.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CARS

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Write five GOOD questions about cars 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250904-carspreading-0.html>

Write about **cars** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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