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**Level 3 – 4th September 2025**

## Campaigners want to stop 'carspreading' in cities

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# THE ARTICLE

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

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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>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cars. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

cities / campaign / carspreading / urban spaces / fuel consumption / SUVs / Paris / SUV drivers / parking / cycling / congestion / survive / battery / minerals / unpleasant

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CITY BAN:** Students A **strongly** believe SUVs should be banned in cities; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CAR TYPES:** What are the good and bad things about these car types? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
SUVs		
Sports cars		
Convertibles		
Pickup trucks		
Sedans		
Hatchbacks		

**5. PARKING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "parking". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SUVs:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things about SUVs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Fuel consumption
- Danger to pedestrians
- Pollution
- Rollover risk
- Parking space
- Higher insurance
- Just a status symbol
- Price

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. campaign         | a. About a city or town.   |
| 2. urban            | b. Money you pay for a service.  |
| 3. congestion       | c. How much petrol, gas, coal, etc. is used.                                 |
| 4. fuel consumption | d. Too many people or cars in one place, making it hard to move.             |
| 5. fees             | e. A plan of actions to reach a goal, often used in politics or advertising. |
| 6. tripled          | f. Made smaller or less.   |
| 7. reduced          | g. Became three times as much.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. struggling  | h. Need something.                               |
| 9. at risk     | i. Having a hard/difficult time doing something. |
| 10. crowded    | j. Stay alive.                                   |
| 11. likely     | k. Not nice, not enjoyable.                      |
| 12. survive    | l. Full of too many people.                      |
| 13. require    | m. Something that will probably happen.          |
| 14. unpleasant | n. In danger of something bad happening.         |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Clean Cities Campaign wants to stop all cars from spreading. **T / F**
2. There is an increased risk of accidents with SUVs. **T / F**
3. The number of large cars is 10 times greater now than 20 years ago. **T / F**
4. Paris doubled parking fees for SUVs. **T / F**
5. Cyclists are more at danger from smaller cars than from SUVs. **T / F**
6. More than half of new cars in the UK are too wide parking spaces. **T / F**
7. SUVs use up to 50% more fuel than other cars. **T / F**
8. The Alliance of British Drivers said banning SUVs was fair. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>caused</b>      | a. fighting    |
| 2. <b>targeting</b>   | b. built-up    |
| 3. <b>fees</b>        | c. unjust      |
| 4. <b>urban</b>       | d. cut         |
| 5. <b>reduced</b>     | e. probable    |
| 6. <b>struggling</b>  | f. horrible    |
| 7. <b>likely</b>      | g. charges     |
| 8. <b>require</b>     | h. created     |
| 9. <b>unfair</b>      | i. need        |
| 10. <b>unpleasant</b> | j. picking out |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. increased risk                           | a. to park                   |
| 2. fuel                                     | b. up a lot more space       |
| 3. there are 10 times                       | c. with the CCC              |
| 4. Bigger cars take                         | d. at risk                   |
| 5. This has reduced the number              | e. more large cars in the UK |
| 6. Drivers are struggling                   | f. so do the risks           |
| 7. people walking and cycling are more      | g. of accidents              |
| 8. As cars get bigger,                      | h. of SUVs in Paris          |
| 9. Not everyone agrees                      | i. for people who drive      |
| 10. make life more expensive and unpleasant | j. consumption               |

# GAP FILL

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

The Clean Cities Campaign (CCC) group in the UK wants to stop "carspreading". It says: "Carspreading is when cars get too (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for urban spaces, causing (2) \_\_\_\_\_, increased risk of accidents, and more fuel consumption." The CCC is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ large cars like SUVs - sport utility vehicles - which are increasing in number. The Sky News website says there are 10 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ more large cars in the UK now than 20 years ago. The CCC wants (5) \_\_\_\_\_ parking fees for SUVs. It wrote: "Bigger cars take up a lot more space, but the cost of parking has stayed the (6) \_\_\_\_\_." The group wants to follow Paris, which (7) \_\_\_\_\_ parking costs for SUVs, from €6 (\$7) to €18 (\$21) an hour. This has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of SUVs in Paris.

*times*  
*congestion*  
*same*  
*wide*  
*reduced*  
*higher*  
*targeting*  
*tripled*

The CCC explained why it wants SUV (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to pay more for parking, saying: "Drivers are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to park because of 'carspreading', while people walking and cycling are more at (11) \_\_\_\_\_." The CCC said: "More than half of new cars in the UK are too wide for (12) \_\_\_\_\_ parking spaces, leaving our cities crowded and congested. As cars get bigger, so do the risks. People hit by larger cars when walking or cycling are far less (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to survive." It added: "SUVs burn around 20 per cent more (14) \_\_\_\_\_...and require more...battery minerals. Not everyone (15) \_\_\_\_\_ with the CCC. The Alliance of British Drivers said it was unfair "to make life more expensive and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for people" who drive SUVs.

*fuel*  
*risk*  
*drivers*  
*unpleasant*  
*likely*  
*struggling*  
*agrees*  
*urban*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) cars get too wide for urban spaces, causing congestion, increased \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. risk off accidents
  - b. risk of accidents
  - c. risk oft accidents
  - d. risky accidents
- 2) large cars like SUVs - sport utility vehicles - which are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. increasing on number
  - b. increase sin number
  - c. increase sing in number
  - d. increasing in number
- 3) Bigger cars take up a lot more space, but the cost of parking has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. stays the same
  - b. stay the same
  - c. stayed the same
  - d. stayed the shame
- 4) The group wants to follow Paris, which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tripped parking costs
  - b. tripled parking costs
  - c. tripled park in costs
  - d. tripled park kin costs
- 5) This has reduced the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. numbered of SUVs
  - b. number of SUVs
  - c. numbering of SUVs
  - d. renumber of SUVs
- 6) The CCC explained why it wants SUV drivers to pay \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more for parking
  - b. mere for parking
  - c. mare for parking
  - d. mire for parking
- 7) As cars get bigger, so \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have the risks
  - b. do the risks
  - c. be the risks
  - d. at the risks
- 8) People hit by larger cars when walking or cycling are far less \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. likely for survive
  - b. likely too survive
  - c. likely at survive
  - d. likely to survive
- 9) Not everyone agrees \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wither CCC
  - b. with a CCC
  - c. with the CCC
  - d. within CCC
- 10) The Alliance of British Drivers said it was unfair to make \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. live more expensive
  - b. life more expensive
  - c. life mere expensive
  - d. life more expensively

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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The CCC explained why it wants SUV drivers <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for parking, saying: "Drivers are struggling to park because of 'carspreading', while people walking and cycling are <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_." The CCC said: "More than half of new cars in the UK are too wide for urban parking spaces, leaving <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and congested. As cars get bigger, so do the risks. People hit by larger cars when walking or cycling are <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to survive." It added: "SUVs burn around 20 per cent more fuel...and require more...battery minerals. Not <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the CCC. The Alliance of British Drivers said it was unfair "to make life more expensive <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people" who drive SUVs.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the abbreviation CCC mean?
2. What is there an increased risk of with SUVs on the road?
3. How many more SUVs are on UK roads than there were 20 years ago?
4. By how much did Paris put up the parking fees for SUVs?
5. What happened after Paris put up the parking charges for SUVs?
6. What are drivers struggling to do because of the number of SUVs?
7. Who are more at risk because of SUVs?
8. How much more fuel do SUVs consume?
9. Why do SUVs require more minerals than other cars?
10. What did the Alliance of British Drivers think of higher SUV parking fees?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the abbreviation CCC mean?
  - a) Carless Cities Campaign
  - b) Clean Cities Campaign
  - c) Carbon Cutting Collective
  - d) Cycling Centred Communities
- 2) What is there an increased risk of with SUVs on the road?
  - a) car thefts
  - b) races
  - c) fights between drives
  - d) accidents
- 3) How many more SUVs are on UK roads than there were 20 years ago?
  - a) two times
  - b) five times
  - c) ten times
  - d) 100 times
- 4) By how much did Paris put up the parking fees for SUVs?
  - a) three times
  - b) two times
  - c) 50%
  - d) 10%
- 5) What happened after Paris put up the parking charges for SUVs?
  - a) Nothing
  - b) The number of SUVs went down.
  - c) The number of SUVs went up.
  - d) Sales of SUVs doubled.
- 6) What are drivers struggling to do because of the number of SUVs?
  - a) park
  - b) drive
  - c) pay the parking charges
  - d) drive along narrow roads
- 7) Who are more at risk because of SUVs?
  - a) drivers and passengers
  - b) truck drivers
  - c) pedestrians and cyclists
  - d) police officers
- 8) How much more fuel do SUVs consume?
  - a) around 20% more
  - b) exactly 20% more
  - c) over 20% more
  - d) just less than 20% more
- 9) Why do SUVs require more minerals than other cars?
  - a) so they are environmentally friendly
  - b) for speed
  - c) to make them look nice
  - d) for batteries
- 10) What did the Alliance of British Drivers think of higher SUV parking fees?
  - a) They were a necessary evil.
  - b) They were good
  - c) They were unfair.
  - d) They were discriminatory.

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Fuel Consumption**

You think fuel consumption is the worst thing about SUVs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): danger to pedestrians, parking or rollover risk.

## **Role B – Danger to Pedestrians**

You think the danger to pedestrians is the worst thing about SUVs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): fuel consumption, parking or rollover risk.

## **Role C – Parking**

You think parking is the worst thing about SUVs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): danger to pedestrians, fuel consumption or rollover risk.

## **Role D – Rollover Risk**

You think the rollover risk is the worst thing about SUVs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): danger to pedestrians, parking or fuel consumption.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'SUV' and 'car'.

<b>SUV</b>	<b>car</b>

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• causing</li><li>• increased</li><li>• targeting</li><li>• fees</li><li>• follow</li><li>• reduced</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pay</li><li>• walking</li><li>• half</li><li>• fuel</li><li>• agrees</li><li>• life</li></ul>
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# CARS SURVEY

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

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.

# CARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'car'?
3. What do you think of carspreading?
4. What is parking like in your town?
5. What do you think of SUVs?
6. Why do people need an SUV in a city?
7. Should we all be driving smaller cars?
8. Should larger cars pay more for parking?
9. Should people who are single not be allowed to buy an SUV?
10. What advice do you have for an SUV owner?

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# CARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'SUV'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the benefits of SUVs in a city?
15. What do you think of parking fees?
16. What can cities do about solving parking problems?
17. Should people be able to drive whatever they want?
18. What did you read that you disagree with?
19. What's your favourite car?
20. What questions would you like to ask the CCC?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |              |              |             |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) grouped    | (b) groups   | (c) grouping | (d) group   |
| 2.  | (a) widen      | (b) widely   | (c) width    | (d) wide    |
| 3.  | (a) count      | (b) number   | (c) letter   | (d) numeral |
| 4.  | (a) tees       | (b) lees     | (c) fees     | (d) zeas    |
| 5.  | (a) along      | (b) by       | (c) up       | (d) down    |
| 6.  | (a) trebled    | (b) troubled | (c) trampled | (d) trifled |
| 7.  | (a) cost       | (b) price    | (c) pay      | (d) settle  |
| 8.  | (a) at         | (b) by       | (c) of       | (d) as      |
| 9.  | (a) be         | (b) do       | (c) to       | (d) up      |
| 10. | (a) likelihood | (b) liking   | (c) likely   | (d) liked   |
| 11. | (a) as         | (b) to       | (c) with     | (d) for     |
| 12. | (a) that       | (b) like     | (c) as       | (d) for     |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. too wide for rnuab spaces
2. causing oseinotncg
3. increased risk of nctsecaid
4. SUVs - sport utility ecelsivh
5. itdlerp parking costs for SUVs
6. This has ercuedd the number

## Paragraph 2

7. Drivers are nsirtggulg to park
8. As cars get bigger, so do the sikrs
9. far less likely to vseiruv
10. iurqere more battery minerals
11. Not everyone eeargs with the CCC
12. expensive and ueasnatpln

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) ago. The CCC wants higher parking fees for SUVs. It wrote: "Bigger cars take up a lot more space, but the cost
- ( ) consumption." The CCC is targeting large cars like SUVs - sport utility vehicles - which are increasing in
- ( ) crowded and congested. As cars get bigger, so do the risks. People hit by larger cars when walking or
- ( ) cycling are far less likely to survive." It added: "SUVs burn around 20 per cent more
- ( ) from €6 (\$7) to €18 (\$21) an hour. This has reduced the number of SUVs in Paris.
- ( ) fuel...and require more...battery minerals. Not everyone agrees with the CCC. The Alliance of British Drivers
- ( ) number. The Sky News website says there are 10 times more large cars in the UK now than 20 years
- ( ) of parking has stayed the same." The group wants to follow Paris, which tripled parking costs for SUVs,
- ( ) risk." The CCC said: "More than half of new cars in the UK are too wide for urban parking spaces, leaving our cities
- ( ) said it was unfair "to make life more expensive and unpleasant for people" who drive SUVs.
- ( ) struggling to park because of 'carspreading', while people walking and cycling are more at
- ( ) The CCC explained why it wants SUV drivers to pay more for parking, saying: "Drivers are
- ( **1** ) The Clean Cities Campaign (CCC) group in the UK wants to stop "carspreading". It says: "Carspreading is when cars get
- ( ) too wide for urban spaces, causing congestion, increased risk of accidents, and more fuel

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Carspreading get cars when wide . too is
2. The parking for SUVs . wants fees CCC higher
3. Bigger lot space . up a cars more take
4. Follow tripled SUVs . for Paris, costs which parking
5. This in number of has Paris . SUVs the reduced
6. It drivers for more parking . to wants pay
7. Drivers because carspreading . are to park of struggling
8. Over new wide . half too cars are of
9. People walking . when by larger cars hit
10. It to life was expensive . unfair make more

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The Clean Cities Campaign (CCC) group in the UK wants to stop "carspreading". It says: "Carspreading is when cars get too *width / wide* for urban spaces, causing congestion, increased *risk / risky* of accidents, and more fuel consumption." The CCC is *targeted / targeting* large cars like SUVs - sport utility vehicles - which are increasing *on / in* number. The Sky News website says there are 10 *times / timed* more large cars in the UK now than 20 years ago. The CCC wants *heighten / higher* parking fees for SUVs. It wrote: "Bigger cars take up a *lot / lots* more space, but the cost of parking *has / have* stayed the same." The group wants to follow Paris, which *tripped / tripled* parking costs for SUVs, from €6 (\$7) to €18 (\$21) *a / an* hour. This has reduced the number of SUVs in Paris.

The CCC explained why it wants SUV drivers to pay *much / more* for parking, saying: "Drivers are struggling *for / to* park because of 'carspreading', *while / which* people walking and cycling are more *at / to* risk." The CCC said: "More than *halve / half* of new cars in the UK are too wide for urban parking spaces, leaving our cities crowded and congested. As cars get bigger, so *to / do* the risks. People hit by larger cars when walking or cycling are far less *likely / liked* to survive." It added: "SUVs burn around 20 per cent more fuel...and require more...*battery / battered* minerals. Not everyone agrees with the CCC. The Alliance of British Drivers said it was *unfair / fair* "to make life more expensive and unpleasant for people" who *driving / drive* SUVs.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the ccc explained why it wants suv drivers to pay more for parking saying drivers are struggling to park because of carspreading while people walking and cycling are more at risk the ccc said more than half of new cars in the uk are too wide for urban parking spaces leaving our cities crowded and congested as cars get bigger so do the risks people hit by larger cars when walking or cycling are far less likely to survive it added suvs burn around 20 per cent more fuel and require more battery minerals not everyone agrees with the ccc the alliance of british drivers said it was unfair to make life more expensive and unpleasant for people who drive suvs

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

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

Write about **cars** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]



# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

No one needs to buy an SUV. Discuss.

This image shows a full page of blank, lined paper. It features approximately 20 evenly spaced horizontal grey lines across its entire width, providing a template for writing or drawing. The margins are consistent on all sides.

# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CARS:** Make a poster about cars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SUVs:** Write a magazine article about banning SUVs. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on carspreading. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce the problem of carspreading. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. a    3. d    4. c    5. b    6. g    7. f  
8. i    9. n    10. l    11. m    12. j    13. h    14. k

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. j	3. g	4. b	5. d
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. c	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Clean Cities Campaign
- Accidents
- Ten times
- Three times (they trebled)
- The number of SUVs went down
- Park
- Pedestrians and cyclists
- Around 20% more
- For batteries
- They were unfair

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Carspreading is when cars get too wide.
- The CCC wants higher parking fees for SUVs.
- Bigger cars take up a lot more space.
- Follow Paris, which tripled parking costs for SUVs.
- This has reduced the number of SUVs in Paris.
- It wants drivers to pay more for parking.
- Drivers are struggling to park because of carspreading.
- Over half of new cars are too wide.
- People hit by larger cars when walking.
- It was unfair to make life more expensive.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)