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Level 0 – 29th October 2026

World-famous London shopping street pedestrianized

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

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THE READING

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London's famous Oxford Street is now only for people. No cars, buses, trucks, etc. can drive on it. Oxford Street is well known for shopping. It used to be full of traffic. London's mayor decided to make around one kilometre of the street only for people. He hopes many shoppers will go to the street. He will plant more trees.

Many people are happy that the street will be less polluted. The mayor said no cars would help make London greener. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy. One man said cars would be "pushed" to small streets nearby. He said this would harm the environment.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. London's famous | a. can drive on it |
| 2. now only for | b. of traffic |
| 3. No cars, buses, trucks, etc. | c. more trees |
| 4. Oxford Street is well | d. people |
| 5. It used to be full | e. go to the street |
| 6. London's mayor | f. known for shopping |
| 7. many shoppers will | g. Oxford Street |
| 8. He will plant | h. decided |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Many people are | a. million people |
| 2. the street will | b. the environment |
| 3. The mayor said no | c. greener |
| 4. help make London | d. every day |
| 5. half a | e. be less polluted |
| 6. visit the street | f. are unhappy |
| 7. many Londoners | g. cars |
| 8. this would harm | h. happy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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London's famous Oxford Street (1) _____ for people. No cars, buses, trucks, etc.

(2) _____ it. Oxford Street is well known for shopping. It (3) _____ full of traffic.

London's mayor decided (4) _____ one kilometre of the street only for people. He

(5) _____ will go to the street. He

(6) _____ trees.

Many people (7) _____ the street will be less polluted. The (8) _____ cars would help

make London greener. Around (9) _____

people visit the (10) _____. However, many

Londoners are unhappy. One man said cars would

(11) _____ small streets nearby. He said this

(12) _____ environment.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SHOPPING STREETS

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Write five GOOD questions about shopping streets 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

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

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