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Level 1 – 29th October 2026

World-famous London shopping street pedestrianized

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

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THE READING

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A famous London shopping street is now only for people. No cars, buses, trucks, etc. can drive on it. Oxford Street is known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London decided to make around one kilometre of the street only for people. However, delivery trucks can use it after midnight. The mayor hopes many shoppers will go to the street. He called it a very important event for London. He will plant more trees on the street.

Many people are happy that the area will be less polluted. The mayor said a traffic-free Oxford Street would help make a better and greener city. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy. A local official said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." A magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/londons-oxford-street-pedestrianised-in-truly-momentous-occasion-for-capital-13603905>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. famous | a. lorries |
| 2. only | b. vehicles |
| 3. trucks | c. significant |
| 4. full | d. well known |
| 5. traffic | e. 12 am |
| 6. midnight | f. occasion |
| 7. important | g. crowded |
| 8. event | h. just |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. happy | a. dirty |
| 2. polluted | b. community |
| 3. visit | c. more difficult |
| 4. unhappy | d. go to |
| 5. local | e. everyday living |
| 6. harm | f. pleased |
| 7. life | g. sad |
| 8. harder | h. damage |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A famous London shopping street is
(1) _____ people. No cars, buses, trucks,
etc. (2) _____ it. Oxford Street is known all
over the world. It used to be (3) _____. The
Mayor of London decided to make around one kilometre of the
street only for people. However, (4) _____
use it after midnight. The mayor (5) _____
will go to the street. He called it a very important event for
London. He will (6) _____ on the street.

Many people are happy that the area will
(7) _____. The mayor said a traffic-free
Oxford Street would help make a better
(8) _____. Around half a million people
(9) _____ every day. However, many
(10) _____. A local official said: "Traffic will
be pushed to the small (11) _____ economic
and environmental harm." A magazine warned that life for car
drivers (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SHOPPING STREETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261029-oxford-street-pedestrianized-4.html>

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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