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Level 2 – 29th October 2026

World-famous London shopping street pedestrianized

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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London's most famous shopping street has been pedestrianized. No cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can drive on it. Oxford Street is well known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is only for people, not cars. However, delivery trucks can use the area after midnight. The mayor hopes the pedestrianization will bring shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. He will plant more trees along the street, and add more seats and tables.

Some people are happy and others are unhappy about the pedestrianization. Many people are happy that the area will be less polluted. The mayor said a traffic-free Oxford Street would help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy no cars can go on the street. Local official Tim Barnes 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>
<https://spectator.com/article/pedestrianising-oxford-street-is-part-of-the-war-on-common-sense/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. London's most | a. for London |
| 2. well known | b. and tables |
| 3. make it pedestrian- | c. all over the world |
| 4. delivery | d. famous shopping street |
| 5. bring shoppers back | e. more trees |
| 6. a very important event | f. only |
| 7. He will plant | g. to the area |
| 8. add more seats | h. trucks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Some people are happy | a. million people |
| 2. the area will be | b. free Oxford Street |
| 3. a traffic- | c. official |
| 4. make a better, greener, | d. harm |
| 5. half a | e. and others are unhappy |
| 6. local | f. the small streets |
| 7. Traffic will be pushed to | g. less polluted |
| 8. economic and environmental | h. and richer London |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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London's (1) _____ street has been pedestrianized. No cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes (2) _____ it. Oxford Street is well known all over the world. It used to be (3) _____. The Mayor of London decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is only for people, not cars. However, (4) _____ use the area after midnight. The mayor hopes the pedestrianization will (5) _____ to the area. He called it a very important event for London. He will plant more trees along the street, (6) _____ seats and tables.

Some people are happy (7) _____ unhappy about the pedestrianization. Many people are happy that the area will (8) _____. The mayor said a traffic-free Oxford Street would help make (9) _____, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy no (10) _____ on the street. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will (11) _____ the small streets nearby causing 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

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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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