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World-famous London shopping street pedestrianized

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THE ARTICLE

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

One of London's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This means no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can enter it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles. However, delivery trucks can use the area between midnight and 7 am. Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees along the street, create public squares, and add more seats and tables.

There have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are happy that the area will be less polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the full potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is now officially the world's slowest city."

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

1. SHOPPING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about shopping. 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?

London / shopping street / cars / traffic / delivery truck / trees / public squares / seats
mixed reactions / polluted / potential / environmental harm / car drivers / city

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

3. NO CARS: Students A **strongly** believe there should be no cars on shopping streets; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHOPPING STREETS: What are the shopping streets in your town like for the things below? How could they be made better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What They Are Like	Improvements
Trees/Plants		
Seating areas		
Bicycle parking		
Rubbish bins/Trash cans		
Pedestrian-friendliness		
Events and festivals		

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

6. SHOPS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best shops at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Clothes shops
- Book stores
- Charity shops
- DIY stores
- Stationery shops
- Grocery stores
- Mobile phone shops
- Sports shops

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. pedestrianized | a. Things such as cars, buses and motorbikes that people use to travel. |
| 2. enter | b. Cars, buses and other vehicles on roads. |
| 3. traffic | c. To go into a place. |
| 4. off limits | d. People who buy things in shops. |
| 5. vehicles | e. Closed to cars and other vehicles, so people can walk there. |
| 6. delivery trucks | f. Not allowed to go into or use a place. |
| 7. shoppers | g. Large vehicles that bring goods to shops and other places. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. reactions | h. Dirty or harmful to the air, water or land. |
| 9. polluted | i. A person who works for an organisation, often the government, and has a position of responsibility. |
| 10. unlock | j. Damage or problems caused to someone or something. |
| 11. potential | k. To open something so it can be used or seen. |
| 12. official | l. Related to money, jobs and business. |
| 13. economic | m. The chance to do something or become better in the future. |
| 14. harm | n. The ways people feel or act when something happens. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. London's most famous shopping street has been pedestrianized. **T / F**
2. The UK's leader decided to pedestrianize the street. **T / F**
3. No vehicles at all are allowed to drive on the street. **T / F**
4. The London mayor wants to plant more trees on the street. **T / F**
5. Some people like the pedestrianization, and others don't. **T / F**
6. London's mayor said the pedestrianized will make London greener. **T / F**
7. About 500,000 people visit the shopping street every day. **T / F**
8. A magazine called London the world's fastest city. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. famous | a. neighbourhood |
| 2. traffic | b. power |
| 3. pedestrians | c. responses |
| 4. area | d. well known |
| 5. create | e. damage |
| 6. reactions | f. back |
| 7. support | g. vehicles |
| 8. potential | h. make |
| 9. harm | i. motorists |
| 10. car drivers | j. people on foot |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes | a. of traffic |
| 2. It is well known all | b. polluted |
| 3. It used to be full | c. drivers would be harder |
| 4. delivery | d. back to the area |
| 5. bring more shoppers | e. to the pedestrianization |
| 6. There have been mixed reactions | f. can enter it |
| 7. They are happy that the area will be less | g. visit the street |
| 8. unlock the full | h. trucks |
| 9. half a million people | i. over the world |
| 10. life for car | j. potential |

GAP FILL

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

One of London's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This (1) _____ no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can enter it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well (2) _____ all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to make it pedestrian-(3) _____. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles. However, delivery (4) _____ can use the area between (5) _____ and 7 am. Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will (6) _____ more shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important (7) _____ for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees along the street, create public squares, and add more seats and (8) _____.

There have been (9) _____ reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the (10) _____. They are happy that the area will be less polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the (11) _____ potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, (12) _____, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are (13) _____ that the street has been closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be (14) _____ to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that (15) _____ for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is now (16) _____ the world's slowest city."

event
only
midnight
means
tables
trucks
known
bring

greener
life
plan
officially
mixed
unhappy
full
pushed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) This means no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes _____
 - a. can entrance it
 - b. can enters it
 - c. can enter it
 - d. can entry it
- 2) The street is called Oxford Street. It is well known all _____
 - a. above the world
 - b. over the world
 - c. higher the world
 - d. under the world
- 3) Around one kilometre of the street is off- _____
 - a. limit to vehicles
 - b. remits to vehicles
 - c. limits to vehicles
 - d. limits to vehicle
- 4) Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more shoppers back _____
 - a. to the arena
 - b. to the aura
 - c. to an area
 - d. to the area
- 5) Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees _____
 - a. a long the street
 - b. along the street
 - c. a longs the street
 - d. a longing the street
- 6) Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock _____"
 - a. the full potential
 - b. the fully potential
 - c. the pull potential
 - d. the pulled potential
- 7) However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street _____
 - a. has been closed
 - b. has been closet
 - c. has been closer
 - d. has been closes
- 8) Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic _____
 - a. and environment all harm
 - b. and environmental harm
 - c. end environmental harm
 - d. end environmental harms
- 9) The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers _____
 - a. would be hardly
 - b. would be harder
 - c. would been harder
 - d. wood be harder
- 10) London is now officially the _____
 - a. world's slow west city
 - b. world's slowest cities
 - c. world's slowest city
 - d. world slowest city

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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There (7) _____ reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are happy that the area will (8) _____. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock (9) _____" of an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners (10) _____ the street has been closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets (11) _____ and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is (12) _____ world's slowest city."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where is Oxford Street well known?
2. What does the article say Oxford Street used to be full of?
3. What vehicles are allowed to enter Oxford Street?
4. Who does Mayor Khan hope will go to Oxford Street?
5. What kind of squares will London's mayor create on Oxford Street?
6. What kind of reaction has there been to the pedestrianization?
7. What does Mayor Khan say pedestrianization will make London?
8. How many people visit Oxford Street every day?
9. What did a magazine say life would be like for car drivers?
10. What did a magazine call London?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where is Oxford Street well known?
 - a) in Oxford
 - b) in the USA
 - c) all over the world
 - d) in China
- 2) What does the article say Oxford Street used to be full of?
 - a) traffic
 - b) noise
 - c) rubbish
 - d) brand stores
- 3) What vehicles are allowed to enter Oxford Street?
 - a) delivery trucks
 - b) taxis
 - c) buses
 - d) subway trains
- 4) Who does Mayor Khan hope will go to Oxford Street?
 - a) children
 - b) shoppers
 - c) tourists
 - d) older people
- 5) What kind of squares will London's mayor create on Oxford Street?
 - a) garden squares
 - b) square ones
 - c) big squares
 - d) public squares
- 6) What kind of reaction has there been to the pedestrianization?
 - a) a healthy reaction
 - b) a mixed reaction
 - c) a positive reaction
 - d) no reaction
- 7) What does Mayor Khan say pedestrianization will make London?
 - a) better, greener, and richer
 - b) bigger, faster, and healthier
 - c) cheaper, smaller, and more fun
 - d) better, faster, and nicer
- 8) How many people visit Oxford Street every day?
 - a) just over half a million
 - b) exactly 500,000
 - c) around 500,000
 - d) about 5,000,000
- 9) What did a magazine say life would be like for car drivers?
 - a) better
 - b) cheaper
 - c) faster
 - d) harder
- 10) What did a magazine call London?
 - a) the world's slowest city
 - b) the world's healthiest city
 - c) the world's fastest city
 - d) the world's nicest city

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Clothes Shops

You think clothes shops are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shops. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): book stores, grocery stores or sports shops.

Role B – Book Stores

You think book stores are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shops. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): clothes shops, grocery stores or sports shops.

Role C – Grocery Stores

You think grocery stores are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shops. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): book stores, clothes shops or sports shops.

Role D – Sports Shops

You think sports shops are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shops. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): book stores, grocery stores or clothes shops.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

London	shopping

- 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:

• famous • enter • decided • delivery • shoppers • create	• mixed • support • unlock • half • pushed • harder
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SHOPPING STREETS SURVEY

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

SHOPPING STREETS 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 'London'?
3. What do you think of shopping streets?
4. What do you think of shopping in London?
5. Are shopping streets better than malls?
6. What are the best shops on shopping streets?
7. What damage have online stores done to shopping streets?
8. Should cars, buses, trucks, etc. be allowed on shopping streets?
9. What do you think of the idea of pedestrianized shopping streets?
10. Is internet shopping better than going to a shopping street?

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SHOPPING STREETS 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 'shopping'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are your favourite shopping streets?
15. What are your favourite stores?
16. How could you make shopping streets better?
17. Are there any stores on shopping streets you dislike?
18. Who is it best to go shopping with?
19. What advice do you have for Londoners?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mayor Khan?

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

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

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There have been (7) _____ reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are happy that the area will be (8) _____ polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the full potential" (9) _____ an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been closed (10) _____ traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby (11) _____ economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would (12) _____ harder. It wrote: "London is now officially the world's slowest city."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) is | (b) to | (c) has | (d) get |
| 2. | (a) enter | (b) entry | (c) enters | (d) entering |
| 3. | (a) known | (b) know | (c) knows | (d) knowing |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) back | (c) for | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) stick | (b) addition | (c) plus | (d) add |
| 7. | (a) mixture | (b) mixes | (c) mixed | (d) mixing |
| 8. | (a) none | (b) small | (c) few | (d) less |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) up |
| 11. | (a) causes | (b) causing | (c) caused | (d) cause |
| 12. | (a) do | (b) be | (c) have | (d) take |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. London's most safumo shopping streets
2. full of rfiftca
3. the street is off limits to liecshev
4. erviyled trucks
5. between tmihgdin and 7 am
6. create public seasgru

Paragraph 2

7. There have been mixed sreintoca
8. people uptosrp the plan
9. the area will be less dptluole
10. unlock the full nitpealot
11. mncicooe and environmental harm
12. The Spectator anzmgaei

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been
- () closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small
- () drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is now officially the world's slowest city."
- () happy that the area will be less polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the full
- () make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles. However, delivery trucks can
- (1) One of London's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This means no cars, buses,
- () potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half
- () shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more
- () streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car
- () the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to
- () There have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are
- () trees along the street, create public squares, and add more seats and tables.
- () trucks, or motorbikes can enter it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well known all over
- () use the area between midnight and 7 am. Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. famous London's most of One shopping streets .
2. all is It over the well world known .
3. full It of traffic used to be .
4. area back Bring more shoppers to the .
5. along more Plans street the to plant trees .
6. been pedestrianization reactions There have mixed to the .
7. area Happy less that be will the polluted .
8. are closed been Londoners street the unhappy has .
9. be pushed small streets to Traffic will the .
10. car drivers harder Life for would be .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

One of London's *most / much* famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This means no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can *entry / enter* it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well *known / knows* all over the world. It used to *be / have* full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits *to / at* vehicles. However, delivery trucks can use the area *between / among* midnight and 7 am. Mayor Khan *hoping / hopes* the pedestrianization will bring more *shoppers / shopper* back to the area. He called it a very *importance / important* event for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees along *the / a* street, create public squares, and add more seats and tables.

There have been *mixes / mixed* reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the *plan / plant*. They are happy that the area will be *less / fewer* polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "*unlock / locked* the full potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, *greener / greens*, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every *day / daily*. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been *closes / closed* to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets *nearby / nearly* causing economic and environmental *harmful / harm*." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is *now / know* officially the world's slowest city."

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)

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

n _f L_nd_n's m_st f_m__s sh_pp_ng str__ts h_s
b__n p_d_str__n_z_d. Th_s m__ns n_ c_rs, b_s_s,
tr_cks, _r m_t_rb_k_s c_n _nt_r _t. Th_ str__t _s
c_ll_d _xf_rd Str__t. _t _s w_ll kn_wn _ll _v_r th_
w_rld. _t _s_d t_ b_ f_ll _f tr_ff_c. Th_ M_y_r _f
L_nd_n, S_r S_d_q Kh_n, d_c_d_d t_ m_k_ _t
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_ff l_m_ts t_ v_h_cl_s. H_w_v_r, d_l_v_ry tr_cks c_n
s th_ _r__ b_tw__n m_dn_gh_t _nd 7 _m. M_y_r
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s_pp_rt th_ pl_n. Th_y _r_ h_ppy th_t th_ _r__ w_ll
b_ l_ss p_ll_t_d. Kh_n s__d _ tr_ff_c-fr__ _xf_rd
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

one of london's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized this means no cars buses trucks or motorbikes can enter it the street is called oxford street it is well known all over the world it used to be full of traffic the mayor of london sir sadiq khan decided to make it pedestrian only around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles however delivery trucks can use the area between midnight and 7 am mayor khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more shoppers back to the area he called it a very important event for london mr khan also plans to plant more trees along the street create public squares and add more seats and tables

there have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization of oxford street many people support the plan they are happy that the area will be less polluted khan said a traffic free oxford street would unlock the full potential of an important area of london and help make a better greener and richer london around half a million people visit the street every day however many londoners are unhappy that the street has been closed to traffic local official tim barnes said traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm the spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder it wrote london is now officially the world's slowest city

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

One of London's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This means no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can enter it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles. However, delivery trucks can use the area between midnight and 7 am. Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees along the street, create public squares, and add more seats and tables. There have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are happy that the area will be less polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the full potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barness said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is now officially the world's slowest city."

FREE WRITING

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

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

All shopping streets should be for pedestrians and not cars. Discuss.

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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. SHOPPING STREETS: Make a poster about shopping streets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PEDESTRIANIZATION: Write a magazine article about pedestrianizing all shopping streets. 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 shopping streets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make shopping streets better. 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. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- All over the world
- Traffic
- Delivery trucks
- Shoppers
- Public squares
- A mixed reaction
- Better, greener and richer
- Around 500,000
- Harder
- The world's slowest city

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- One of London's most famous shopping streets.
- It is well known all over the world.
- It used to be full of traffic.
- Bring more shoppers back to the area.
- Plans to plant more trees along the street.
- There have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization.
- Happy that the area will be less polluted.
- Londoners are unhappy the street has been closed.
- Traffic will be pushed to the small streets.
- Life for car drivers would be harder.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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