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Level 1 – 12th November 2026

France blames Iran for cyberattack on freezers

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

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THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261112-supermarket-freezer-cyberattack-1.html

France blamed Iran for a cyberattack on supermarket freezers and refrigerators. The attack hit around 700 stores. Hackers took control of the cooling systems in the freezers. Temperatures went up to around 50 degrees. A lot of frozen food melted. Stores had to throw it away. It was not safe to eat. France said the attack was on a level never seen before. Iran said it didn't carry out the attacks. It blamed the French government for them.

Security experts said cyberattacks could be more dangerous in the future. They could hit other things. A French cybersecurity expert said that at the moment, hackers are attacking easy-to-access things. Hackers could soon attack services like water and electricity. They could also attack hospitals, airports, public transport and banks. This can put people's lives in danger. European leaders said countries need to make their cybersecurity stronger.

Sources: https://www.**france24.com**/en/europe/20261109-iran-revolutionary-guards-behind-cyberattacks-on-supermarket-fridges-says-french-fm-barrot
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. Hackers took control of the	a. it away
2. Temperatures went up to	b. out the attacks
3. A lot of frozen food	c. cooling systems
4. Stores had to throw	d. government
5. It was not safe	e. melted
6. on a level	f. to eat
7. it didn't carry	g. around 50 degrees
8. It blamed the French	h. never seen before

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. cyberattacks could be	a. future
2. in the	b. stronger
3. A French cybersecurity	c. moment
4. at the	d. services like water
5. Hackers could soon attack	e. more dangerous
6. public	f. in danger
7. This can put people's lives	g. expert
8. make their cybersecurity	h. transport

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France blamed Iran for a cyberattack (1) _____ and refrigerators. The attack hit around 700 stores. Hackers (2) _____ the cooling systems in the freezers. Temperatures (3) _____ around 50 degrees. A lot of frozen food melted. Stores had to (4) _____. It was not safe to eat. France said the attack was on (5) _____ seen before. Iran said it didn't (6) _____ attacks. It blamed the French government for them.

Security experts said cyberattacks (7) _____ dangerous in the future. They could (8) _____. A French cybersecurity expert said that (9) _____, hackers are attacking easy-to-access things. Hackers (10) _____ services like water and electricity. They could also attack hospitals, airports, public (11) _____. This can put people's (12) _____. European leaders said countries need to make their cybersecurity stronger.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CYBERSECURITY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cybersecurity 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 **cybersecurity** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.