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Level 2 – 12th November 2026

France blames Iran for cyberattack on freezers

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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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France has blamed Iran for a cyberattack on supermarket freezers and refrigerators. The attacks happened last month. They hit around 700 stores. Hackers took control of the cooling systems in the fridges and freezers. Temperatures went up to more than 50 degrees Celsius. Huge amounts of frozen food melted. Stores had to throw it away because it was not safe to eat. France said the attack was on a level never seen before. France believes an Iranian cyber unit carried out the attack. Iran said it didn't do the attacks. It blamed the French government for them.

Security experts warned that cyberattacks could be more dangerous in the future. They could hit other things. A French blood bank has also been hit. A French cybersecurity expert said that at the moment, hackers are attacking easy-to-access things. He said there could be attacks on other things. Hackers could attack services like water and electricity. They could also attack hospitals, airports, public transport and banks. This can put people's lives in danger. Leaders in Europe have said countries need to make their cybersecurity stronger.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. supermarket freezers	a. melted
2. They hit	b. systems
3. cooling	c. government
4. Temperatures went up to more than	d. it away
5. Huge amounts of frozen food	e. and refrigerators
6. Stores had to throw	f. to eat
7. it was not safe	g. around 700 stores
8. It blamed the French	h. 50 degrees

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. cyberattacks could be	a. bank
2. blood	b. in danger
3. A French cybersecurity	c. on other things
4. at the	d. expert
5. there could be attacks	e. transport
6. attack services like water	f. more dangerous
7. public	g. moment
8. put people's lives	h. and electricity

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France has blamed Iran for a cyberattack on supermarket (1) _____. The attacks happened last month. They (2) _____ stores. Hackers took control of the (3) _____ the fridges and freezers. Temperatures went up to more than 50 degrees Celsius. Huge amounts of (4) _____. Stores had to throw it away because it was not safe to eat. France said the attack was on a level (5) _____. France believes an Iranian cyber (6) _____ the attack. Iran said it didn't do the attacks. It blamed the French government for them.

Security (7) _____ cyberattacks could be more dangerous in the future. They could (8) _____. A French blood bank has also been hit. A French cybersecurity expert said that (9) _____, hackers are attacking easy-to-access things. He said there could be attacks on other things. Hackers could (10) _____ water and electricity. They could also attack hospitals, airports, public (11) _____. This can put people's (12) _____. Leaders in Europe have 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.