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Level 0 – 26th November 2026

Governments asking people to prep for emergencies

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many countries want people to prepare for emergencies. They said people need food and water to survive for 72 hours. The UK's advice is to have a wind-up radio and a sleeping bag. The advice is working. People in Britain are buying more bottled water. A London shop owner said he was selling a lot of torches.

Events like extreme weather and cyberattacks could stop people from getting things they need. Recently, there were cyberattacks on supermarkets. Stores threw away a lot of frozen food. Hackers could bring down the internet and ATMs. The UK said people should take "simple steps" to be ready and to stay safe.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. people need food	a. up radio
2. survive	b. working
3. have a wind-	c. of torches
4. a sleeping	d. for 72 hours
5. The advice is	e. owner
6. buying more bottled	f. bag
7. a London shop	g. and water
8. he was selling a lot	h. water

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. extreme	a. down the internet
2. cyberattacks could	b. they need
3. getting things	c. frozen food
4. cyberattacks on	d. to stay safe
5. Stores threw away a lot of	e. weather
6. Hackers could bring	f. steps
7. people should take simple	g. stop people
8. to be ready and	h. supermarkets

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many countries want (1) _____ for emergencies. They said people (2) _____ water (3) _____ 72 hours. The UK's advice is to have a wind-up radio and (4) _____. The advice is working. People in Britain (5) _____ bottled water. A London shop owner said he was (6) _____ of torches.

Events (7) _____ and cyberattacks could stop (8) _____ things they need. Recently, there were cyberattacks on supermarkets. Stores (9) _____ lot of frozen food. Hackers could (10) _____ internet and ATMs. The UK said people should (11) _____ to be ready and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PREPPING

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