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Level 2 – 26th November 2026

Governments asking people to prep for emergencies

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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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European governments want people to prepare for emergencies and possible disasters. They asked people to keep enough food and water to survive for 72 hours. The UK's message has a simple name. It is called "Be Ready". Its advice is to store bottled water, canned food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping bags. The advice is changing people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK have risen by 67 per cent, while sales of canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop owner said he was selling a lot of torches and camping cookers.

Governments are worried events could stop people from getting things they need. These events include extreme weather and cyberattacks. Online attacks affect supermarkets, electricity networks, and other important services. Recently, there have been cyberattacks on supermarket refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw away large amounts of frozen food. Other events, such as computer system failures, could bring down the internet and ATMs. The UK said people should take "simple steps" to be ready. It believes preparing will help families stay safer.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. keep enough food and water to	a. habits
2. The UK's message has a simple	b. of torches
3. a wind-	c. survive for 72 hours
4. changing people's shopping	d. cookers
5. bottled	e. up radio
6. sales of canned	f. name
7. he was selling a lot	g. food
8. camping	h. water

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. governments are	a. things they need
2. stop people from getting	b. to be ready
3. extreme	c. refrigerators
4. cyberattacks on supermarket	d. stay safer
5. throw away large amounts	e. worried
6. bring down the internet and	f. weather
7. people should take "simple steps"	g. ATMs
8. preparing will help families	h. of frozen food

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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European governments want people (1) _____ emergencies and possible disasters. They asked people to keep enough food and water (2) _____ 72 hours. The UK's message has a simple name. It is called "Be Ready". Its advice is to (3) _____, canned food, a wind-up radio, and sleeping bags. The (4) _____ people's shopping habits. Sales of bottled water in the UK have risen by 67 per cent, (5) _____ canned food have increased by 37 per cent. A London shop owner said he was (6) _____ of torches and camping cookers.

Governments are worried events could stop people from getting (7) _____. These events include extreme weather and cyberattacks. (8) _____ supermarkets, electricity networks, and other important services. Recently, (9) _____ cyberattacks on supermarket refrigerators and freezers. Stores had to throw (10) _____ of frozen food. Other events, such as computer system failures, could bring down the internet and ATMs. The UK said people should (11) _____ to be ready. It believes preparing will help (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PREPPING SURVEY

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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.