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Level 0

"Invisible" helmet for cyclists invented

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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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Design students invented a new bicycle helmet. It's called the Hövding. It is invisible. It's really an airbag inside a collar. People wear it like a scarf. When the cyclist falls, the collar fills with gas and becomes an airbag. The students think normal helmets are too big and look like mushrooms. They said their helmet is fashionable.

The students started their research in 2005. They studied many cycling accidents. They worked with an airbag company to make the safest helmet. They think bicycles will be more popular than cars. Their company has 17 workers. They will be millionaires. People can buy the helmet in Europe. It costs about \$530.

Source: <http://www.hovding.com/en/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131114-hovding-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. design | a. invisible |
| 2. invented a new | b. helmets are too big |
| 3. It is | c. a collar |
| 4. It's really an airbag inside | d. bicycle helmet |
| 5. People wear it | e. the collar fills with gas |
| 6. When the cyclist falls, | f. like a scarf |
| 7. The students think normal | g. is fashionable |
| 8. They said their helmet | h. students |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The students started their | a. helmet |
| 2. They studied many | b. an airbag company |
| 3. They worked with | c. research in 2005 |
| 4. make the safest | d. millionaires |
| 5. bicycles will be more | e. 17 workers |
| 6. Their company has | f. cycling accidents |
| 7. They will be | g. about \$530 |
| 8. It costs | h. popular than cars |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Design (1) _____ new bicycle helmet. It's called the Hövding. (2) _____. It's really an airbag (3) _____. People wear it like a scarf. When the cyclist falls, the collar (4) _____ and becomes an airbag. The students think normal (5) _____ and look like mushrooms. They said their helmet (6) _____.

The students (7) _____ in 2005. They studied many (8) _____. They worked with an airbag company to make (9) _____. They think bicycles will be more (10) _____. Their company has 17 workers. They (11) _____.

People can buy the helmet in Europe. It (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 **bicycle helmets** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
