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Major supermarket bans candy from checkouts

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THE READING

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A big supermarket in the UK will remove all candy and chocolates from its checkouts. The store, Tesco, said there will be no sweets next to customers at checkouts by the end of this year. It wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did research on the best place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good idea to remove candies from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers lead healthier lives."

Britain's Public Health Minister welcomed Tesco's idea. She said it would reduce obesity and poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to make healthier choices, which all contributes to reducing the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-health." The parenting website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "easier". It said: "Popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault course." She added: "It's really positive to see a supermarket responding to the views of their customers."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27514077>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. remove all candy and chocolates | a. is to be tempted |
| 2. by the end | b. of its customers |
| 3. It wants its customers | c. from its checkouts |
| 4. two-thirds | d. healthier lives |
| 5. Tesco's chief | e. snacks |
| 6. We all know how easy it | f. of this year |
| 7. sugary | g. to be healthier |
| 8. help our customers lead | h. executive |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. it would reduce obesity | a. shop with a small child |
| 2. help people to make | b. and poor health |
| 3. the long-term cost | c. course |
| 4. The parenting website | d. healthier choices |
| 5. make life | e. their customers |
| 6. Popping into a | f. MumsNet.com |
| 7. an assault | g. "easier" |
| 8. the views of | h. to our nation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A big supermarket in the UK (1) _____ candy and chocolates from its checkouts. The store, Tesco, said there will be no sweets next to (2) _____ by the end of this year. It wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did research on the best (3) _____ in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its (4) _____ was a good idea to remove candies from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We (5) _____ it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want (6) _____ lead healthier lives."

Britain's Public Health Minister welcomed Tesco's idea. She said it would (7) _____ poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to (8) _____, which all contributes to reducing the (9) _____ to our nation of obesity and ill-health." The parenting website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's (10) _____ and would make life "easier". It said: "(11) _____ with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault course." She added: "It's really positive to see a supermarket (12) _____ of their customers."

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **checkouts** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
