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Disabled access to U.K. stores poor

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THE READING

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Britain's government says access for disabled people in stores is "shocking". The government visited and checked over 30,000 shops and restaurants across the country. They found that many places made it very difficult for disabled people to shop and eat. There were many examples of how difficult it is for disabled people to go shopping. Around 20 per cent of stores had no wheelchair ramps and two-thirds of store staff had no training to help disabled customers. Over 40% of restaurants and 30 per cent of stores had no accessible toilet.

Britain's Minister for Disabled People said it was unfair that the disabled had such problems. He said people with disabilities should be able to enjoy shopping just like everyone else. He told reporters: "Everyone deserves to be able to go...shopping." He added that stores and restaurants lose money because they do not help the disabled, saying: "Businesses are missing a trick by not doing more to tap into this market." He said: "A fifth of the British population has a disability and they...have a spending power of over £200 billion [\$310bn]."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-30342957>
<http://www.economicvoice.com/disabled-shoppers-driven-from-the-high-street-by-poor-accessibility-charity-survey-finds/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. access for disabled people in | a. of restaurants |
| 2. checked over | b. is for disabled people |
| 3. difficult for disabled people | c. stores is "shocking" |
| 4. many examples of how difficult it | d. staff had no training |
| 5. wheelchair | e. 30,000 shops |
| 6. two-thirds of store | f. ramps |
| 7. Over 40% | g. accessible toilet |
| 8. 30 per cent of stores had no | h. to shop and eat |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. Britain's Minister for | a. money |
| 2. it was unfair that the disabled had | b. able to enjoy shopping |
| 3. people with disabilities should be | c. over £200 billion |
| 4. just like everyone | d. such problems |
| 5. Everyone deserves to be | e. into this market |
| 6. stores and restaurants lose | f. else |
| 7. doing more to tap | g. able to go shopping |
| 8. a spending power of | h. Disabled People |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Britain's government (1) _____ disabled people in stores is "shocking". The government (2) _____ over 30,000 shops and restaurants across the country. They found that many places made (3) _____ disabled people to shop and eat. There were many (4) _____ difficult it is for disabled people to go shopping. Around 20 per cent of stores had no wheelchair ramps and (5) _____ store staff had no training to help disabled customers. Over 40% of restaurants and 30 per cent (6) _____ accessible toilet.

Britain's Minister for Disabled People (7) _____ that the disabled had such problems. He said people with disabilities should (8) _____ shopping just like everyone else. He told reporters: "Everyone deserves (9) _____...shopping." He added that stores and restaurants (10) _____ they do not help the disabled, saying: "Businesses are missing a trick by not doing more (11) _____ market." He said: "A fifth of the British population has a disability and they...have (12) _____ over £200 billion [\$310bn]."

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)

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c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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