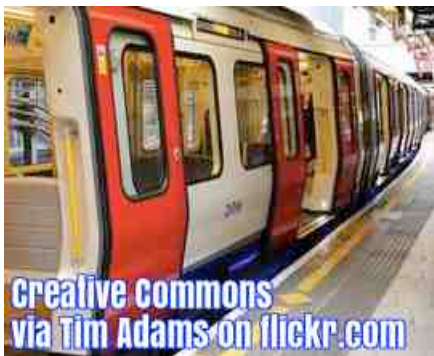


## London bomber buys bomb parts from Amazon

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U.K. police have said a man who put a bomb on a London subway train bought most of the parts for the bomb online. Police have accused an 18-year-old Iraqi refugee of planting the bomb

on a busy commuter train on September 15. The bomber left his device on a packed subway carriage during the peak rush hour. The bomb exploded at Parsons Green subway station at 8.20am. It caused burns to the face and body of 30 passengers. Police said there would have been more casualties if the bomb had worked properly. It didn't detonate fully so there was less harm to humans than there could have been. Police said the bomb contained, "knives, screws, glass and similar items to increase the likelihood of death".

The bomber bought many of the ingredients for his device from the online shopping site Amazon. One of these ingredients was several hundred grams of an explosive called TATP. This is also called "Mother of Satan" because it is so powerful. Police said the bomber used it to create "maximum destruction". Reporters later checked Amazon for the ingredients and were shocked to find that the site directed them to other things that could be used to make bombs, in the "items frequently bought together" tab. Amazon said it will work to stop this happening. It said: "In light of recent events, we are reviewing our website to ensure that all these products are presented in an appropriate [way]."

Sources: [mirror.co.uk](http://mirror.co.uk) / [nydailynews.com](http://nydailynews.com) / [thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk)

## Writing

Discuss three ways to stop terrorism. Which is the best way? Why?

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

bomb / London / subway / train / refugee / rush hour / passengers / knives / screws / ingredients / online shopping / powerful / frequently / recent / products / appropriate

## True / False

- A man bought a bomb from Amazon. T / F
- A 15-year-old put the bomb on a train on September 18. T / F
- The bomb exploded and burnt the faces of 300 people. T / F
- The bomb didn't fully explode. T / F
- The explosive in the bomb is called the "Mother of Satan". T / F
- The article says the bomber wanted to cause the minimum destruction. T / F
- Amazon's site directed visitors to more bomb-making equipment. T / F
- Amazon said it will check its website to make sure everything is OK. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>bought</b>       | a. blew up    |
| 2. <b>planting</b>     | b. happenings |
| 3. <b>exploded</b>     | c. chances    |
| 4. <b>casualties</b>   | d. placing    |
| 5. <b>likelihood</b>   | e. greatest   |
| 6. <b>ingredients</b>  | f. often      |
| 7. <b>maximum</b>      | g. purchased  |
| 8. <b>frequently</b>   | h. suitable   |
| 9. <b>events</b>       | i. victims    |
| 10. <b>appropriate</b> | j. parts      |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- How can items to make a bomb be on Amazon?
- How can stores make sure they sell no dangerous items?
- What can websites do to reduce terror attacks?
- What do you think of the website Amazon?
- Is your country getting safer or more dangerous?
- How safe will the world be in 10 years from now?
- What questions would you like to ask a terrorism expert?

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## Phrase Match

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. planting the bomb on a busy commuter          | a. hour                  |
| 2. during the peak rush                          | b. maximum destruction   |
| 3. Police said there would have                  | c. of death              |
| 4. the bomb contained knives, screws, glass      | d. events                |
| 5. increase the likelihood                       | e. train                 |
| 6. several hundred grams of an                   | f. been more casualties  |
| 7. the bomber used it to create                  | g. explosive called TATP |
| 8. in the items frequently bought together       | h. in an appropriate way |
| 9. In light of recent                            | i. and similar items     |
| 10. ensure that all these products are presented | j. tab                   |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of subway trains?
- How safe is your city?
- What do you think of the non-stop terror attacks?
- How can we make our cities safer?
- Is the world getting more dangerous?
- Why are there so many bombings around the world?
- Does terror make you change your daily life?
- What do you know about this news?

## Spelling

- an 18-year-old Iraqi rgueeef
- a packed subway rgrcaeai
- 30 ssneresapp
- there would have been more luiastcesa
- screws, glass and mrsiial items
- increase the ielkhoildo of death
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- several hundred grams of an ioeesvpxl
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- In light of eercnt events
- in an iaoeprpprat way

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. f	9. b	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – A Bullet Train

You think a bullet train is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): subway train, monorail or a tram.

### Role B – A Subway Train

You think a subway train is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bullet train, monorail or a tram.

### Role C – A Monorail

You think a monorail is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): subway train, bullet train or a tram.

### Role D – A Tram / Street Car

You think a tram is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): subway train, monorail or bullet train.

## Speaking – Transport

Rank these with your partner. Put the best kinds of transport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| • bus      | • bullet train |
| • airplane | • subway train |
| • ferry    | • monorail     |
| • taxi     | • tram         |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.