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Level 4

Online deliveries clogging up city streets

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THE READING

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The popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on city streets. The increasing number of online deliveries means that hundreds more trucks are causing traffic jams on city streets. This is also increasing pollution. Hundreds more delivery drivers are trying to deliver parcels on time. They are fighting for parking spaces. Many have to park illegally, which adds to the gridlock for other road users. This problem is set to get worse.

Parcel deliveries increased by almost 50 per cent recently. They could increase by up to 28% a year over the next three years. Cities in Europe have taken tough measures. They have barred deliveries when roads are busiest. London is thinking about using buses to deliver parcels. Some areas of London are getting tough with food delivery motorbikes. Food delivery companies in one London area must now get permission to operate.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-42245367>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/07/nyregion/ups-drivers-hours-online-shopping-holidays.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. creating | a. gridlock |
| 2. causing traffic jams | b. on time |
| 3. This is also | c. to get worse |
| 4. trying to deliver parcels | d. on city streets |
| 5. Many have to park | e. users |
| 6. adds to the | f. chaos |
| 7. other road | g. illegally |
| 8. This problem is set | h. increasing pollution |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. increased by almost 50 per cent | a. tough |
| 2. increase by | b. tough measures |
| 3. over the | c. to operate |
| 4. Cities in Europe have taken | d. up to 28% a year |
| 5. They have barred deliveries when | e. London area |
| 6. Some areas of London are getting | f. next three years |
| 7. companies in one | g. recently |
| 8. get permission | h. roads are busiest |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The popularity of online shopping is (1) _____ city streets.

The increasing (2) _____ deliveries means that hundreds

more trucks are causing (3) _____ city streets. This is also

increasing pollution. Hundreds more delivery (4) _____ to

deliver parcels on time. They are fighting for parking spaces. Many have

(5) _____, which adds to the gridlock for other road users.

This problem is set (6) _____.

Parcel deliveries (7) _____ 50 per cent recently. They could

increase by up to 28% a year over the (8) _____.

Cities in Europe have taken tough measures. They have (9) _____

roads are busiest. London is thinking about (10) _____

deliver parcels. Some areas of London (11) _____ with food

delivery motorbikes. Food delivery companies in one London area must now

get (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ONLINE DELIVERIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online deliveries 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) _____

