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**Level 2 – 15th May, 2019**

## **San Francisco bans facial recognition software**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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San Francisco is the first city in the USA to ban facial recognition. The city has said police and other departments cannot use the software. The city already uses surveillance cameras for car number plates, and the police wear body cameras. Facial recognition is at airports. Officials want to start facial recognition to increase security. They said it would be cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and to identify missing people. An information technology expert said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] frozen in time with out-dated technology."

Many people oppose the technology. It is widely used in other parts of the world. A San Francisco official said facial recognition was a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a character in the book "1984". The phrase Big Brother is used to describe attempts by governments to control and spy on citizens. The official said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He added: "Part of that is building trust with the community based on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/san-francisco-becomes-first-us-city-to-ban-police-from-using-facial-recognition-technology-11720324>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/san-francisco-1st-us-city-outlaw-police-facial-recognition-technology>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-48276660>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. surveillance              | a. suspects   |
| 2. car number                | b. time       |
| 3. to increase               | c. plates     |
| 4. find crime                | d. technology |
| 5. identify missing          | e. security   |
| 6. An information technology | f. cameras    |
| 7. frozen in                 | g. people     |
| 8. outdated                  | h. expert     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Many people oppose the           | a. information        |
| 2. It is widely                     | b. in the book "1984" |
| 3. in other                         | c. trust              |
| 4. Big Brother is a character       | d. technology         |
| 5. control and spy                  | e. a police state     |
| 6. have good policing without being | f. used               |
| 7. Part of that is building         | g. on citizens        |
| 8. based on good community          | h. parts of the world |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It is widely used in other parts of the world. A San Francisco official said facial recognition was a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the book "1984". The phrase Big Brother is used to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ governments to control and spy on citizens. The official said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ without being a police state." He added: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ is building trust with the community (12) \_\_\_\_\_ community information, not on Big Brother technology."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BIG BROTHER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Big Brother 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) \_\_\_\_\_

