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Level 0

Barack Obama's credit card problem

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The U.S. President had an embarrassing credit card moment. He was in an expensive New York restaurant. The cashier said no to his credit card. The President said: "I guess, I don't use it enough." The cashier thought his card was strange. He did not have enough money to pay the bill. His wife used her credit card.

The President made a new law. It will protect credit-card users. It will help stop identity theft. This is a big problem. Hackers stole the private information of 100 million Americans. The new law means credit cards will not use magnetic strips. Hackers can read these. New credit cards will use microchips and PIN numbers.

Sources: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/10/17/president-obamas-credit-card-was-rejected-last-month/>
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/obamas-credit-card-declined-at-restaurant/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. an embarrassing credit card | a. enough |
| 2. in an expensive | b. money |
| 3. The cashier | c. card was strange |
| 4. I don't use it | d. moment |
| 5. The cashier thought his | e. her credit card |
| 6. He did not have enough | f. said no |
| 7. pay the | g. New York restaurant |
| 8. His wife used | h. bill |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The President made | a. theft |
| 2. It will protect credit- | b. numbers |
| 3. help stop identity | c. private information |
| 4. a big | d. strips |
| 5. Hackers stole the | e. a new law |
| 6. magnetic | f. read these |
| 7. Hackers can | g. problem |
| 8. PIN | h. card users |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S. President (1) _____ credit card moment. He was (2) _____ New York restaurant. The cashier said no to (3) _____.

The President said: "I guess, I (4) _____." The cashier thought his (5) _____. He did not have enough money to pay the bill. His wife (6) _____ card.

The President (7) _____. It will protect credit-card users. It will help stop (8) _____. This is a big problem. Hackers stole the (9) _____ of 100 million Americans. The (10) _____ credit cards will not use (11) _____. Hackers can read these. New credit cards will use microchips (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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dit cards will use microchips and PIN numbers.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **credit cards** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
