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Level 0

Disabled access to U.K. stores poor

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

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141207-disability-access-0.html>

Britain's government says access for disabled people in stores and restaurants is "shocking". It is difficult for disabled people to shop and eat. Around 20 per cent of stores had no wheelchair ramps. Two-thirds of store staff have no training to help disabled customers. Many restaurants had no toilets for wheelchair users.

Britain's government said it was unfair that the disabled had problems. It said disabled people should enjoy shopping. Stores and restaurants lose money by not helping the disabled. The government said 20 per cent of British people have a disability. They have a spending power of over \$310 billion.

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/>
<http://www.localgov.co.uk/Disabled-people-denied-pleasure-of-Christmas-shopping/37709>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. access for disabled | a. no toilets |
| 2. It is difficult | b. people in stores |
| 3. shop | c. had no wheelchair ramps |
| 4. Around 20 per cent of stores | d. users |
| 5. Two- | e. and eat |
| 6. help disabled | f. thirds of store staff |
| 7. Many restaurants had | g. for disabled people |
| 8. wheelchair | h. customers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Britain's | a. disabled |
| 2. it was unfair that the disabled | b. disability |
| 3. disabled people should | c. billion |
| 4. Stores and restaurants lose | d. had problems |
| 5. helping the | e. power |
| 6. 20 per cent of British people have a | f. government |
| 7. spending | g. money |
| 8. over \$310 | h. enjoy shopping |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Britain's government (1) _____ disabled people

in stores and restaurants is "shocking".

(2) _____ disabled people

(3) _____. Around 20 per cent of stores had no

wheelchair ramps. (4) _____ staff have no

training to help disabled customers. Many restaurants had no

toilets (5) _____.

Britain's government said (6) _____ that the

disabled had problems. It said (7) _____ enjoy

shopping. Stores and restaurants (8) _____ not

helping the disabled. The government said 20 per cent of British

people (9) _____. They have a spending power

of (10) _____.

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) _____

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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) _____

