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Amazon enters UK grocery shopping market

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THE READING

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The online giant Amazon has entered the grocery delivery business in the UK. It has a new service called Amazon Pantry. A pantry is a small room in a house where people put food, plates and cutlery. Amazon will provide customers with a next-day delivery service of groceries. This will mean a lot of competition for the UK's supermarkets. Amazon Pantry customers can select from more than 4,000 goods, from food and drinks to health and beauty products. A new service called Amazon Fresh will sell fresh fruit and vegetables. It is in the planning stage and will be available later.

Shoppers may not rush to use Amazon's new grocery delivery service. There is a charge of \$4.50 for the first 20kg. Also, customers must already be members of Amazon's express delivery service Amazon Prime, which costs \$120 a year. An Amazon Pantry spokeswoman said people would like the convenience of the service. She said it would, "take the heavy lifting out of [refilling] the basics and store cupboard essentials that people need every day." She added: "We are always looking to innovate on behalf of our customers and find ways to save them time and money."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the grocery delivery | a. day delivery service |
| 2. A pantry is a small | b. UK's supermarkets |
| 3. food, plates | c. planning stage |
| 4. a next- | d. business |
| 5. a lot of competition for the | e. products |
| 6. health and beauty | f. later |
| 7. It is in the | g. room in a house |
| 8. be available | h. and cutlery |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Shoppers may | a. cupboard |
| 2. There is a charge | b. of the service |
| 3. people would like the convenience | c. and money |
| 4. heavy | d. of \$4.50 |
| 5. store | e. behalf of our customers |
| 6. essentials that people | f. not rush |
| 7. innovate on | g. need every day |
| 8. save them time | h. lifting |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The online giant Amazon (1) _____ grocery delivery business in the UK. It has a new service called Amazon Pantry. A (2) _____ small room in a house where people put food, plates and cutlery. Amazon will provide customers with a (3) _____ service of groceries. This will (4) _____ competition for the UK's supermarkets. Amazon Pantry customers can select from more than 4,000 goods, from food and drinks to health and (5) _____. A new service called Amazon Fresh will sell fresh fruit and vegetables. It is in the planning stage and will (6) _____ later.

Shoppers may (7) _____ Amazon's new grocery delivery service. There is a charge of \$4.50 (8) _____. Also, customers must already be members of Amazon's express delivery service Amazon Prime, which costs (9) _____. An Amazon Pantry spokeswoman said people would like the convenience of the service. She said it would, "take the heavy (10) _____ [refilling] the basics and store cupboard essentials that people need every day." She added: "We are always looking to innovate (11) _____ our customers and find (12) _____ them time and money."

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)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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d)

e)

f)

g)

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WRITING

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Write about **groceries** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
