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Level 0

Toyota closes elevators to save money

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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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Toyota is closing two elevators at its Tokyo headquarters. It wants to save money and electricity. This is because the Japanese yen is becoming stronger. In January, one dollar was nearly 120 yen; now it is 101 yen. A strong yen means Toyota cars are more expensive, so profit goes down. Toyota's profit last year was \$23 billion.

Toyota is also changing the temperature of air conditioners to save money. It did similar things after the financial crisis in 2008. That also made the yen strong. Toyota said the most important thing about closing the elevators is to make workers understand more about the need to reduce waste.

Sources: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/at-toyota-elevators-stop-as-yen-rises-1467883278>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-36742652>
<https://www.rt.com/business/350191-toyota-shuts-lifts-yen/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. at its Tokyo | a. nearly 120 yen |
| 2. save money | b. yen |
| 3. the Japanese yen | c. down |
| 4. one dollar was | d. and electricity |
| 5. A strong | e. year was \$23 billion |
| 6. cars are more | f. headquarters |
| 7. profit goes | g. expensive |
| 8. Toyota's profit last | h. is becoming stronger |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Toyota is also | a. crisis in 2008 |
| 2. the temperature | b. things |
| 3. It did similar | c. more |
| 4. the financial | d. of air conditioners |
| 5. That also made the yen | e. closing the elevators |
| 6. the most important thing about | f. changing |
| 7. make workers understand | g. reduce waste |
| 8. the need to | h. strong |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toyota (1) _____ elevators at its Tokyo headquarters. It (2) _____ money and electricity. This (3) _____ Japanese yen is becoming stronger. In January, one dollar (4) _____ yen; now it is 101 yen. A strong yen means Toyota cars (5) _____, so profit goes down. Toyota's profit last year was (6) _____.

Toyota (7) _____ the temperature of air conditioners to save money. It did (8) _____ the financial crisis in 2008. That (9) _____ yen strong. Toyota said (10) _____ thing about closing the (11) _____ make workers understand more about the need (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELEVATORS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160710-elevators-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about elevators 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) _____

WRITING

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