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Level 1

Toyota closes elevators to save money

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Toyota is shutting down two elevators at its Tokyo headquarters to save money. It will also save electricity and lower the costs of being in the building. One reason for doing this is the Japanese yen is becoming stronger, especially since the UK voted to leave the EU. In January, one dollar was nearly 120 yen; now it is just above 100 yen. A stronger yen means Toyota cars are more expensive and profits go down. Toyota's profit last year was a record \$23 billion.

Toyota said it decided to shut down the elevators weeks ago. It is also changing the temperature of air conditioners to save money. Toyota did similar things after the financial crisis of 2008. That also made the yen stronger against the dollar. Toyota said: "The key objective for the stoppage of elevators...is to raise awareness amongst employees, and to remind them of the commitment that Toyota has towards...reducing waste."

Sources: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/at-toyota-elevators-stop-as-yen-rises-1467883278>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-36742652>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. elevators at its Tokyo | a. expensive |
| 2. lower the costs of being | b. last year |
| 3. the Japanese yen is | c. in the building |
| 4. especially since the UK | d. headquarters |
| 5. one dollar was nearly | e. becoming stronger |
| 6. Toyota cars are more | f. \$23 billion |
| 7. Toyota's profit | g. 120 yen |
| 8. a record | h. voted to leave |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the temperature | a. employees |
| 2. after the financial | b. has |
| 3. made the yen stronger | c. of air conditioners |
| 4. The key | d. waste |
| 5. raise awareness amongst | e. them |
| 6. and to remind | f. crisis of 2008 |
| 7. the commitment that Toyota | g. objective |
| 8. reducing | h. against the dollar |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Toyota is shutting down (1) _____ its Tokyo headquarters to save money. It (2) _____ electricity and (3) _____ of being in the building. One reason for doing this is the Japanese yen is becoming stronger, (4) _____ the UK voted to leave the EU. In January, one dollar (5) _____ yen; now it is just above 100 yen. A stronger yen means Toyota cars are more expensive and (6) _____. Toyota's profit last year was a record \$23 billion.

Toyota (7) _____ to shut down the elevators weeks ago. It is also changing (8) _____ air conditioners to save money. Toyota (9) _____ after the financial crisis of 2008. That also made the yen stronger (10) _____. Toyota said: "The key objective for the stoppage of elevators... (11) _____ awareness amongst employees, and to remind them of the commitment that Toyota (12) _____ reducing waste."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELEVATORS SURVEY

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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) _____

