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Level 6

Man paints own 'no parking' lines outside his house

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THE ARTICLE

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A man in New Zealand has taken road traffic safety into his own hands. For the past 20 years, Russell Taylor has been illegally painting yellow parking-restriction lines on the road outside his house. Mr Taylor told the BBC news agency that the reason for his actions was to improve traffic safety in his neighborhood in the capital, Wellington. He also wanted to protest against gentrification. Mr Taylor said he initially painted the yellow lines after becoming fed up with the local council's lack of interest in following up residents' complaints about road safety. He explained that he had seen numerous accidents and near-collisions on his narrow street and that his actions have made the road safer.

Wellington City Council confirmed it was aware of the road markings and that they would be removed. It pointed out that it was illegal to install "fake traffic devices," such as Taylor's homemade yellow lines. It said: "We're aware of problems and complaints about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire service had trouble getting to a house fire there in the past year because of parked vehicles." It also said it would be meeting residents to discuss the idea of installing no parking signs. The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his illegal road markings. It said: "Given the glorious and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would rather not pick an unnecessary fight."

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WARM-UPS

1. PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about parking restrictions. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

hands / parking / news agency / traffic safety / capital / gentrification / accidents / road markings / devices / complaints / fire service / residents / no parking / history

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NO PARKING: Students A **strongly** believe cars should not be allowed to park on streets; Students B **strongly** disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY: How can we deal with these problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Solutions
Illegal parking		
Speeding		
Texting while driving		
Tailgating		
Drink driving		
Seatbelts		

5. ROAD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "road". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TRAFFIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of reducing traffic at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- more expensive cars
- more buses
- car-free areas
- car-pooling
- car-free days
- underground roads
- drone cars
- free bicycles

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A man in New Zealand hurt his hands controlling the traffic. **T / F**
- b. The man painted red lines outside his house for 20 years. **T / F**
- c. The man didn't like the council's lack of interest in road safety. **T / F**
- d. The man said he had never seen any accidents on his road. **T / F**
- e. Wellington Council said it would not remove the lines the man painted. **T / F**
- f. Parked vehicles stopped the fire services from getting to a house. **T / F**
- g. The council will meet residents to talk about no parking signs. **T / F**
- h. The council will not take any legal action against Russell Taylor. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. illegally | a. sick and tired |
| 2. improve | b. wonderful |
| 3. protest | c. many |
| 4. fed up | d. erased |
| 5. numerous | e. boost |
| 6. removed | f. putting in |
| 7. residents | g. complain |
| 8. installing | h. undesired |
| 9. glorious | i. unlawfully |
| 10. unnecessary | j. citizens |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. taken road traffic safety into | a. residents to discuss the idea |
| 2. Taylor has been illegally painting yellow | b. improve traffic safety |
| 3. the reason for his actions was to | c. and near-collisions |
| 4. He also wanted to protest | d. an unnecessary fight |
| 5. he had seen numerous accidents | e. parking-restriction lines |
| 6. It pointed | f. his illegal road markings |
| 7. We're aware of problems and | g. his own hands |
| 8. It also said it would be meeting | h. out that it was illegal |
| 9. Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for | i. against gentrification |
| 10. we would rather not pick | j. complaints |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

A man in New Zealand has taken road traffic safety into his (1) _____ hands. For the (2) _____ 20 years, Russell Taylor has been illegally painting yellow parking-restriction lines on the road (3) _____ his house. Mr Taylor told the BBC news agency that the reason for his actions was to (4) _____ traffic safety in his neighborhood in the capital, Wellington. He also wanted to protest against gentrification. Mr Taylor said he (5) _____ painted the yellow lines after becoming fed up with the local council's (6) _____ of interest in following up residents' complaints about road safety. He explained that he had seen (7) _____ accidents and near-collisions on his narrow street and that his actions have made the road (8) _____.

lack
past
safer
improve
own
numerous
initially
outside

Wellington City Council (9) _____ it was aware of the road markings and that they would be removed. It pointed out that it was illegal to install "(10) _____ traffic devices," such as Taylor's homemade yellow lines. It said: "We're aware of problems and (11) _____ about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire service had (12) _____ getting to a house fire there in the past year because of parked (13) _____." It also said it would be meeting residents to discuss the idea of installing no parking (14) _____. The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his illegal road markings. It said: "Given the (15) _____ and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would rather not pick an unnecessary (16) _____."

complaints
trouble
fight
signs
fake
glorious
confirmed
vehicles

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A man in New Zealand has taken road traffic safety _____ hands
 - a. onto his own
 - b. into his own
 - c. in to his own
 - d. unto his own
- 2) illegally painting yellow parking-restriction lines on the road _____
 - a. outer side of his house
 - b. out sides his house
 - c. outside this house
 - d. outside his house
- 3) improve traffic safety in his neighborhood _____, Wellington
 - a. in the capital
 - b. in the capitals
 - c. in the capitalize
 - d. in the cap it all
- 4) painted the yellow lines after becoming fed up with the local _____ interest
 - a. council slack of
 - b. council's slack of
 - c. council's lack of
 - d. council lack of
- 5) He explained that he had seen numerous accidents and _____
 - a. nearly-collisions
 - b. near-collision
 - c. nearly-collision
 - d. near-collisions
- 6) confirmed it was aware of the road markings and that they _____
 - a. would being remove
 - b. would be removed
 - c. would be removal
 - d. would been removed
- 7) It pointed out that it was illegal to install " _____ "
 - a. flake traffic devices
 - b. fake traffic device is
 - c. fake trafficked devices
 - d. fake traffic devices
- 8) trouble getting to a house fire there in the past year because of _____
 - a. parked vehicles
 - b. parked beer calls
 - c. parked veer calls
 - d. parked via calls
- 9) it would be meeting residents to discuss the idea of installing _____
 - a. no parking sins
 - b. no parking signals
 - c. no parking sines
 - d. no parking signs
- 10) The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his _____ markings
 - a. illegal road
 - b. illegal load
 - c. illegal lode
 - d. illegal rode

Level 3

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Wellington City Council confirmed it (7) _____ the road markings and that they would be removed. It pointed out that it was illegal (8) _____ traffic devices," such as Taylor's homemade yellow lines. It said: "(9) _____ problems and complaints about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire service had trouble getting to a house fire (10) _____ past year because of parked vehicles." It also said it would be meeting residents to (11) _____ of installing no parking signs. The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his illegal road markings. It said: "Given the glorious and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would rather (12) _____ unnecessary fight."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

1. For how long has the man been painting lines in front of his house?
2. What did the man want to improve in his neighborhood?
3. In which city did the man live?
4. How did the man feel about the city's lack of interest in road safety?
5. How wide is the street on which the man lives?
6. What did the council say it would do to the lines?
7. What had trouble reaching a house fire in Holloway Road?
8. Who will the council be meeting?
9. What did the council say it would not do to Mr Taylor?
10. What do the council not want to pick with Mr Holloway?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

- 1) For how long has the man been painting lines in front of his house?
 - a) 40 years
 - b) 30 years
 - c) 20 years
 - d) 10 years
- 2) What did the man want to improve in his neighborhood?
 - a) traffic safety
 - b) noise pollution
 - c) traffic flow
 - d) commuting
- 3) In which city did the man live?
 - a) Christchurch
 - b) Hamilton
 - c) Auckland
 - d) Wellington
- 4) How did the man feel about the city's lack of interest in road safety?
 - a) happy
 - b) fed up
 - c) bored
 - d) depressed
- 5) How wide is the street on which the man lives?
 - a) fairly wide
 - b) very wide
 - c) narrow
 - d) 3 metres
- 6) What did the council say it would do to the lines?
 - a) repaint them
 - b) remove them
 - c) extend them
 - d) change their colour
- 7) What had trouble reaching a house in Holloway Road?
 - a) Mr Taylor's family
 - b) a car mechanic
 - c) the police
 - d) the fire service
- 8) Who will the council be meeting?
 - a) car owners
 - b) residents
 - c) the police
 - d) Mr Taylor
- 9) What did the council say it would not do to Mr Taylor?
 - a) prosecute him
 - b) help him
 - c) thank him
 - d) congratulate him
- 10) What do the council not want to pick with Mr Holloway?
 - a) a new road
 - b) a house
 - c) a bone
 - d) a fight

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Higher Car Tax

You think higher car tax is the best way to reduce traffic in towns. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): more buses, underground roads or free bicycles.

Role B – More Buses

You think more buses is the best way to reduce traffic in towns. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): higher car tax, underground roads or free bicycles.

Role C – Underground Roads

You think underground roads is the best way to reduce traffic in towns. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): more buses, higher car tax or free bicycles.

Role D – Free Bicycles

You think free bicycles is the best way to reduce traffic in towns. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): more buses, underground roads or higher car tax.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'parking' and 'restrictions'.

parking	restrictions

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• own• outside• reason• protest• fed• numerous	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pointed• fake• problems• trouble• discuss• civic
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PARKING RESTRICTIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about parking restrictions 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.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'parking'?
3. How is parking in your town?
4. How is road traffic safety in your country?
5. Is illegal parking a problem in your town?
6. What do you think of Mr Taylor's actions?
7. What problems are there in your neighborhood?
8. What kind of gentrification is there in your town?
9. What would you complain to your local council about?
10. What advice do you have for Mr Taylor?

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'restriction'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can road markings help traffic safety?
15. Are there too many cars in towns and cities?
16. What would you like to meet your local council about?
17. Do you think Mr Taylor should be prosecuted?
18. How important is civic activism?
19. How can we make the roads safer?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Taylor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Wellington City Council confirmed it was (7) _____ of the road markings and that they would be removed. It pointed out that it was illegal to install "fake traffic devices," (8) _____ as Taylor's homemade yellow lines. It said: "We're aware of problems and complaints about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire service had trouble (9) _____ to a house fire there in the past year because of parked vehicles." It also said it would be meeting (10) _____ to discuss the idea of installing no parking signs. The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted (11) _____ his illegal road markings. It said: "Given the glorious and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would (12) _____ not pick an unnecessary fight."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) safest | (b) safety | (c) safe | (d) safely |
| 2. | (a) legality | (b) illegally | (c) legalize | (d) illegible |
| 3. | (a) prove | (b) reprove | (c) approve | (d) improve |
| 4. | (a) became | (b) becoming | (c) become | (d) becomes |
| 5. | (a) as | (b) down | (c) in | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) arrow | (b) barrow | (c) narrow | (d) marrow |
| 7. | (a) aware | (b) beware | (c) wary | (d) malware |
| 8. | (a) so | (b) some | (c) such | (d) same |
| 9. | (a) gets | (b) got | (c) get | (d) getting |
| 10. | (a) residents | (b) residence | (c) residential | (d) residences |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) by | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) rather | (b) prefer | (c) instead | (d) instead |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. lelyllaig painting yellow parking-restriction lines
2. opmvrie traffic safety
3. he llyitnai painted the yellow lines
4. following up residents' lapctonmis
5. he had seen nmousreu accidents
6. near-iliosnocls on his narrow street

Paragraph 2

7. Wellington City Council rmocnifed it
8. fake traffic desveci
9. We're ewaar of problems
10. parked ciehvesl
11. Mr Taylor would not be sdeeroctpu
12. Given the loosugri and healthy history

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () vehicles." It also said it would be meeting residents to discuss the idea of installing no parking
- () agency that the reason for his actions was to improve traffic safety in his neighborhood in the
- () near-collisions on his narrow street and that his actions have made the road safer.
- () service had trouble getting to a house fire there in the past year because of parked
- () capital, Wellington. He also wanted to protest against gentrification. Mr Taylor said he initially painted the yellow
- () illegally painting yellow parking-restriction lines on the road outside his house. Mr Taylor told the BBC news
- () homemade yellow lines. It said: "We're aware of problems and complaints about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire
- () the glorious and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would rather not pick an unnecessary fight."
- () lines after becoming fed up with the local council's lack of interest in following up residents'
- () Wellington City Council confirmed it was aware of the road markings and that they would be
- () signs. The council added that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his illegal road markings. It said: "Given
- () removed. It pointed out that it was illegal to install "fake traffic devices," such as Taylor's
- () complaints about road safety. He explained that he had seen numerous accidents and
- (**1**) A man in New Zealand has taken road traffic safety into his own hands. For the past 20 years, Russell Taylor has been

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. safety has own taken hands road A into man his traffic.
2. parking lines road yellow restriction the painting - on Illegally.
3. was traffic reason actions improve The his to safety for.
4. council's of up interest with He the became lack fed local.
5. he that seen accidents numerous He explained had.
6. it that out pointed It devices traffic fake install to illegal was.
7. aware about complaints and We're of parking problems.
8. discuss be the meeting idea residents It to would.
9. be his markings not for road would prosecuted illegal Taylor.
10. pick not rather would We fight unnecessary an.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170802-parking-restrictions.html>

A man in New Zealand has taken road traffic *safely* / *safety* into his own hands. For the *past* / *passed* 20 years, Russell Taylor has been *illegally* / *illegal* painting yellow parking-restriction lines *in* / *on* the road outside his house. Mr Taylor told the BBC news agency that the reason *for* / *why* his actions was to improve traffic safety in his neighborhood in the capital, Wellington. He also wanted to protest *for* / *against* gentrification. Mr Taylor said he initially painted the yellow lines after becoming *freed* / *fed* up with the local council's lack of interest in following *up* / *of* residents' complaints about road safety. He explained that he had seen *numerous* / *numbers* accidents and near-collisions on his *narrowly* / *narrow* street and that his actions have made the road safer.

Wellington City Council confirmed it was aware *of* / *by* the road markings and that they would be *removal* / *removed*. It pointed out that it was illegal to *install* / *instill* "fake traffic devices," such *has* / *as* Taylor's homemade yellow lines. It said: "We're aware of problems and *complaints* / *complains* about parking in Holloway Road, and that the fire service had *trouble* / *troubled* getting to a house fire there in the past year because of parked *vehicle* / *vehicles*." It also said it would be meeting residents to discuss the idea of installing no parking signs. The council *addition* / *added* that Mr Taylor would not be prosecuted for his illegal road markings. It said: "*Taken* / *Given* the glorious and healthy history of civic activism in Holloway Road, we would *rather* / *prefer* not pick an unnecessary fight."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about parking restrictions. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PARKING IN THE CITY: Make a poster about parking in the city. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Write a magazine article about parking restrictions. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on parking restrictions. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce the number of illegally parked cars in the city. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. illegally | a.unlawfully |
| 2. improve | b.boost |
| 3. protest | c.complain |
| 4. fed up | d.sick and tired |
| 5. numerous | e.many |
| 6. removed | f.erased |
| 7. residents | g.citizens |
| 8. installing | h.putting in |
| 9. glorious | i.wonderful |
| 10. unnecessary | j.undesired |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 20 years
2. Traffic safety
3. Wellington
4. Fed up
5. It's narrow
6. Remove them
7. The fire service
8. Residents
9. Prosecute him
10. An unnecessary fight

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 1. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)