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Level 4

All New York prisoners to get free tablet computer

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180203-tablet-computers-4.html>

Prisoners New York State will get free tablet computers. A private communications contractor will give 54,700 tablets to prisoners. The prisoners will get limited online access. They will plug their tablets into special kiosks. Prisoners will be allowed to email approved family and friends. They can also order approved music, books and videos, and write reports of abuse. All of these activities will be carefully checked by prison staff.

Prisoner support services welcomed the project. They said it was a "huge step forward". New York State officials said the tablets would help prisoners stay closer to their families and help smooth relations with guards. Police officers are asking why convicts are getting free tablets. They said it shows that crime pays. One officer said prisoners shouldn't get free tablets when little is done for homeless and mentally ill people who can't afford tablets.

Sources: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/inmates-free-tablets-file-grievances-abuse-article-1.3791849>
<https://nypost.com/2018/01/31/new-york-is-giving-locked-up-killers-rapists-free-tablets/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. get free tablet | a. these activities |
| 2. A private communications | b. kiosks |
| 3. prisoners will get limited online | c. contractor |
| 4. plug their tablets into special | d. by prison staff |
| 5. Prisoners will be allowed to | e. computers |
| 6. They can also order approved | f. email approved family |
| 7. All of | g. access |
| 8. carefully checked | h. music |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. They said it was a huge | a. mentally ill people |
| 2. help prisoners stay closer | b. with guards |
| 3. help smooth relations | c. afford tablets |
| 4. Police officers are asking | d. to their families |
| 5. They said it shows that crime | e. why |
| 6. prisoners shouldn't get | f. pays |
| 7. little is done for homeless and | g. step forward |
| 8. people who can't | h. free tablets |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Prisoner (7) _____ the project. They said it was a "(8) _____". New York State officials said the tablets would help (9) _____ to their families and help smooth relations with guards. Police officers are (10) _____ are getting free tablets. They said it shows (11) _____. One officer said prisoners shouldn't get free tablets when little is done for (12) _____ ill people who can't afford tablets.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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nalsoorderapprovedmusic,booksandvideos,andwritereportsofabus
e.Alloftheseactivitieswillbecarefullycheckedbyprisonstaff.Prisoners
upportserviceswelcomedtheproject.Theysaiditwasa"hugestepforwa
rd".NewYorkStateofficialssaidthetabletswouldhelpprisonersstayclo
sertotheirfamiliesandhelpsmoothrelationswithguards.Policeofficers
areaskingwhyconvictsaregettingfreetablets.Theysaiditshowsthatcri
mepays.Oneofficersaidprisonersshouldn'tgetfreetabletswhenlittleis
doneforhomelessandmentallyillpeoplewhocan'taffordtablets.

PRISONERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prisoners 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) _____

