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#### Level 1

# Robo-caller fined for 96 million phone calls

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

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## THE READING

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180514-nuisance-calls-1.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180514-nuisance-calls-1.html</a>

A man in America was fined \$120 million for making nearly 100 million robocalls. A robocall is made by a computer programme. The police say the man was a threat to public safety. His calls were illegal because many were made to emergency phones. Many other calls went to home telephones without the person being called wanting that call. They were nuisance calls. This is like spam e-mail, which is also unwanted and a nuisance.

The man carried out "one of the largest and most dangerous illegal robocalling campaigns...ever". He made 96 million robocalls in three months. It was a "telemarketing scheme". He used a technique to trick people into thinking the calls were from a local telephone number. He also tricked people into believing the calls were from famous companies. Callers were passed on to call centres. These tried to sell them property. The man said he did nothing wrong.

Sources: http://money.cnn.com/2018/05/11/news/fcc-robocall-fine/index.html

https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/news/2018/05/11/robocaller-fined-120-million-fcc-nearly-

100-million-spoofed-calls/601287002/

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## PHRASE MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

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#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1. one of the largest and	a.	to call centres
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- illegal robocalling
   scheme
- 3. 96 million robocalls c. wrong
- 4. a telemarketing d. telephone number
- 5. from a local e. property
- 6. Callers were passed on f. campaigns
- 7. sell them g. most dangerous
- 8. The man said he did nothing h. in three months

# **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

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## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## **NUISANCE CALLS SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about nuisance calls 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).

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## **WRITING**

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Write about paper.	nuisance calls	for 10 minu	tes. Read ar	nd talk about	your partner's