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**Level 1 – 23rd December, 2018**

## 'Eco-warriors' blamed for UK airport shutdown

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-1.html>

A drone shut England's second largest airport for 30 hours this week. Police think "eco-warriors" used the drone to raise awareness of environmental problems. The drone stopped airplanes leaving the UK's airport over two days. It had to close its runway. Over 120,000 travellers were affected. They had to sleep on the airport floor or go to other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane near the boarding gate.

The police want to stop other people using drones to cause danger. They are worried drones could attack airports and other important buildings. Police tried many times to stop the drone. They said: "When we look to reopen the airfield, the drone reappears again." The police and the British Army couldn't find the drone's operator. They are worried a drone could make a plane crash. The user of the drone could get five years in jail.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/12/20/678579115/gatwick-airport-shuts-down-due-to-drones-flying-near-runway>  
<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/612656/its-only-a-matter-of-time-before-a-drone-takes-down-a-passenger-plane/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-sussex-46640033>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Police think "eco-warriors" | a. sitting on a plane |
| 2. raise                       | b. its runway         |
| 3. environmental               | c. gate               |
| 4. It had to close             | d. awareness          |
| 5. Over 120,000 travellers     | e. the airport floor  |
| 6. They had to sleep on        | f. problems           |
| 7. passengers spent nine hours | g. used the drone     |
| 8. near the boarding           | h. were affected      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The police want to stop    | a. years in jail       |
| 2. attack airports and other  | b. stop the drone      |
| 3. Police tried many times to | c. a plane crash       |
| 4. reopen the                 | d. important buildings |
| 5. find the drone's           | e. of the drone        |
| 6. a drone could make         | f. airfield            |
| 7. The user                   | g. operator            |
| 8. could get five             | h. other people        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-1.html>

A drone shut England's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for 30 hours this week. Police think "eco-warriors" (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ environmental problems. The drone stopped airplanes leaving the UK's airport over two days. It had to (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 120,000 travellers were affected. They had (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the airport floor or go to other airports. Some passengers spent nine hours sitting on a plane (6) \_\_\_\_\_ gate.

The police want to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ using drones to cause danger. They are worried (8) \_\_\_\_\_ airports and other important buildings. Police (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop the drone. They said: "When we (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the airfield, the drone reappears again." The police and the British Army couldn't find (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They are worried a drone could make a plane crash. The user of the drone could get (12) \_\_\_\_\_ jail.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-1.html>

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# AIRPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airports 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181223-eco-warriors-1.html>

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

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