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**Level 2** – 12th October, 2019

## UK might ban food on public transport

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-2.html>

The UK government is thinking about banning food and drink on public transport. The plan is to ban eating and drinking on trains and buses. It is not popular with people. They say governments should not control what people can eat and drink on public transport. Many people said it is an example of the UK becoming a "nanny state" - a country that wants to control people's lives. The UK's Chief Medical Officer said the plan was necessary to help halve obesity in children by 2030. It is also to help people make healthier lifestyle choices.

The medical officer said there are two times more overweight schoolchildren today than 30 years ago. She said: "Today's children are drowning in a flood of unhealthy food and drink options." She said this is made worse because children do not get sufficient exercise. She added: "We must go further and faster." The UK also wants a ban on fast food at soccer games. Many travelers are angry. A nurse said the transport ban would make her life worse. She said: "I often work 12 hours without a break and I need a sandwich on the train on my way home from work."

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/10103210/match-pies-eating-on-buses-ban/>  
<https://metro.co.uk/2019/10/10/eating-on-public-transport-should-be-banned-says-chief-medical-officer-10892079/>  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/food-drink-public-transport-child-obesity-calorie-soft-tax-vat-train-bus-a9149431.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. banning food and                | a. can eat and drink |
| 2. It is not popular with          | b. in children       |
| 3. control what people             | c. necessary         |
| 4. a nanny                         | d. people            |
| 5. a country that wants to control | e. lifestyle choices |
| 6. the plan was                    | f. state             |
| 7. halve obesity                   | g. drink             |
| 8. help people make healthier      | h. people's lives    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. children are drowning in a flood | a. without a break   |
| 2. children do not get sufficient   | b. faster            |
| 3. We must go further and           | c. home from work    |
| 4. The UK also wants a ban          | d. exercise          |
| 5. Many travelers                   | e. her life worse    |
| 6. the transport ban would make     | f. of unhealthy food |
| 7. I often work 12 hours            | g. are angry         |
| 8. on my way                        | h. on fast food      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-2.html>

The UK government (1) \_\_\_\_\_ banning food and drink on public transport. The plan (2) \_\_\_\_\_ eating and drinking on trains and buses. It is not popular with people. They say governments (3) \_\_\_\_\_ what people can eat and drink on public transport. Many people said it is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK becoming a "nanny state" - a country that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ people's lives. The UK's Chief Medical Officer said the plan was necessary to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in children by 2030. It is also to help people make healthier lifestyle choices.

The medical officer said there are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ overweight schoolchildren today than 30 years ago. She said: "Today's children (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a flood of unhealthy food and drink options." She said this (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because children do not get sufficient exercise. She added: "We must go (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The UK also wants a ban on fast food at soccer games. Many travelers are angry. A nurse said the transport ban would make (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I often work 12 hours without a break and I need a sandwich on the train on my way (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191012-public-transport-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about public transport 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/1910/191012-public-transport-2.html>

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

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