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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220418-electric-scooters-4.html>

Electric scooters are all the rage nowadays. The two-wheelers help people zip through traffic to get about town. However, there are safety concerns. Many scooter riders ignore road rules and traffic lights, and ride on sidewalks. A scooter maker has made a speaker that will alert pedestrians of a scooter's presence. Segway is selling a speaker that can add V12 engine noises to its scooters. The rider can also plug in a device to play their favourite music.

Segway's \$150 Engine Speaker can play music or sounds for 23 hours. It syncs with the accelerator. The revving sound gets louder the faster the scooter goes. The speaker will warn anyone in earshot that a scooter is coming. Road safety analysts believe the speaker could cut the number of traffic accidents. However, critics worry about noise pollution. They say the beauty of electric engines is their silence and that a simple beeping sound is enough.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2022/4/14/23025585/segway-ninebot-engine-wireless-speaker-engine-noise-v8>  
<https://gizmodo.com/segways-strap-on-speaker-makes-your-scooter-sound-like-1848783531>  
<https://hiconsumption.com/segway-superscooter/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Electric scooters are all the | a. made a speaker     |
| 2. help people zip               | b. its scooters       |
| 3. ignore road rules             | c. rage nowadays      |
| 4. ride on                       | d. in a device        |
| 5. A scooter maker has           | e. through traffic    |
| 6. alert pedestrians of a        | f. sidewalks          |
| 7. add V12 engine noises to      | g. scooter's presence |
| 8. The rider can also plug       | h. and traffic lights |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It syncs                       | a. analysts             |
| 2. The revving sound              | b. is their silence     |
| 3. warn anyone in                 | c. gets louder          |
| 4. Road safety                    | d. sound                |
| 5. cut the number of traffic      | e. earshot              |
| 6. critics worry about noise      | f. accidents            |
| 7. the beauty of electric engines | g. with the accelerator |
| 8. a simple beeping               | h. pollution            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Electric scooters are all (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The two-wheelers help people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to get about town. However, there are safety concerns. Many scooter riders (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and traffic lights, and ride on sidewalks. A scooter maker has made a speaker (4) \_\_\_\_\_ pedestrians of a scooter's presence. Segway is selling a speaker that can add (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to its scooters. The rider can also plug in a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their favourite music.

Segway's \$150 Engine Speaker can play (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for 23 hours. It syncs with the accelerator. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ louder the faster the scooter goes. The speaker will warn (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that a scooter is coming. Road safety analysts believe the speaker could cut the number (10) \_\_\_\_\_. However, critics worry (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They say the beauty of electric engines is their silence and that a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is enough.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ELECTRIC SCOOTERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220418-electric-scooters-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about electric scooters 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/2204/220418-electric-scooters-4.html>

Write about **electric scooters** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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