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## **Level 0**

### **Major supermarket bans candy from checkouts**

**23rd May, 2014**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts-0.html>

A U.K. supermarket will remove all candy and chocolates from its checkouts by the end of this year. It wants customers to be healthier. About 66% of customers thought this was a good idea. The store's CEO said: "We all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout."

The U.K. government liked Tesco's idea. It will help people to be a little healthier and to lose weight. The website MumsNet.com said it was "positive" and would make life "easier". The site told the BBC that shopping with children was difficult because they always wanted candy." It was happy that a big store listened to customers.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27514077>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/may/22/tesco-bans-sweets-from-checkouts-all-stores>  
<http://www.retail-week.com/sectors/food/tesco-to-remove-confectionery-from-checkouts-of-all-shops-by-end-of-year/5060476.article?blocktitle=Supermarkets&contentID=11085>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. remove all candy and chocolates | a. of customers       |
| 2. by the end                      | b. is to be tempted   |
| 3. It wants customers              | c. from its checkouts |
| 4. About 66%                       | d. snacks             |
| 5. this was a good                 | e. CEO                |
| 6. The store's                     | f. to be healthier    |
| 7. We all know how easy it         | g. idea               |
| 8. sugary                          | h. of this year       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The U.K.                     | a. "easier"          |
| 2. help people to be a          | b. weight            |
| 3. lose                         | c. to customers      |
| 4. The website MumsNet.com said | d. little healthier  |
| 5. make life                    | e. wanted candy      |
| 6. shopping with children       | f. it was "positive" |
| 7. they always                  | g. was difficult     |
| 8. a big store listened         | h. government        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A U.K. supermarket (1) \_\_\_\_\_ candy and chocolates (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of this year. It wants customers (3) \_\_\_\_\_. About 66% of customers (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a good idea. The store's CEO said: "We (5) \_\_\_\_\_ easy it is to be tempted by (6) \_\_\_\_\_ checkout."

The U.K. government (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It will help people to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and to lose weight. The website MumsNet.com (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and would (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The site told the BBC that shopping with children was difficult (11) \_\_\_\_\_ wanted candy." It was happy that a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to customers.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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 <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts-0.html>

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

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