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Text:	<p>Yukiko brought up an interesting topic this week about logistical problems in the parcel delivery industry.</p> <p>During the working week, many houses are unoccupied as people are at work, so what happens when the delivery driver calls? This is increasingly the case in Japan as more and more women go out to work.</p> <p>In America, a type of criminal known as the porch pirate exists. They typically lay in wait for the delivery driver then take whatever packages have been deposited in the garden of the delivery address, as is the custom there.</p> <p>Various methods have been tried to remedy the problem including an alarmed secure zone in the garden where the package should be left.</p> <p>The emphasis of my solution would not be increased security but convenience for the recipient to take delivery when they are at home.</p> <p>To be more specific, changing the standard delivery schedule to run from late afternoon to late evening would mean that the majority of customers would receive packages when they are at home. Day time or special deliveries apart, the reduction in time and cost of missed deliveries would surely drop dramatically.</p> <p>Alternative solutions, such as a local collection point or a security box, which could be fixed to the house, would help overcome the problem.</p>	
Discussion:	Would you be prepared to pay a little extra to have a standard delivery in the evening?	
Words and usage:	<p>More and more....</p> <p>This phrase is used to describe a trend that is continuing in a particular direction. The opposite is either 'less and less' for uncountable nouns or 'fewer and fewer' for countable ones.</p> <p>Adjectives can have an 'er' suffix added where the number of syllables (sounds) of the word are 1-2 only. For example, 'bigger and bigger' or 'taller and taller'. Where a word has 3 syllables, we use 'more and more....' as in 'more and more expensive'.'</p>	
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>	
Practice idea:	Write a plan on how you would tackle the menace of porch pirates.	
Listening link:	<p>EFL Daily - Porch Pirates</p> 	
Quiz Me! Conversation cards	<p>Available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</p>	

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