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Level 0

Smog makes Beijing put sunrise on giant TVs

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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/1401/140121-sunrise-0.html>

People can't see the sun in Beijing. The air is full of smoke and fog. It blocks the sun. People want to see the sun. There are big TVs in the streets. People watch the sunrise on them. A TV message asks people to help the environment. Tourists like the TV sunrise. They say it looks like science fiction. They are also worried about it.

The air in China's cities is bad in winter. There is more pollution. Workers wear face masks so they don't breathe the bad air. People cannot see tall buildings across the street. The smog is worse now than it was three years ago. People feel bad. They cough a lot. The U.S. embassy told people not to exercise outside.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2540955/Beijing-clouded-smog-way-sunrise-watch-giant-commercial-screens-Tiananmen-Square.html>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/17/beijing-fake-sunrise_n_4618536.html?utm_hp_ref=world

VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. People can't see the sun | a. the sun |
| 2. The air is full of | b. about it |
| 3. It blocks | c. smoke and fog |
| 4. People want to | d. environment |
| 5. There are big TVs | e. see the sun |
| 6. help the | f. in Beijing |
| 7. it looks like science | g. in the streets |
| 8. They are also worried | h. fiction |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The air in China's cities is | a. masks |
| 2. There is more | b. the bad air |
| 3. Workers wear face | c. ago |
| 4. they don't breathe | d. a lot |
| 5. People cannot see tall buildings | e. bad in winter |
| 6. three years | f. pollution |
| 7. People feel bad. They cough | g. to exercise outside |
| 8. The U.S. embassy told people not | h. across the street |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise-0.html>

People (1) _____ in Beijing. The air is full of smoke and fog. It (2) _____. People want to see the sun. (3) _____ in the streets. People watch the (4) _____. A TV message asks people to help the environment. Tourists (5) _____ sunrise. They say it looks (6) _____. They are also worried about it.

The air in China's cities (7) _____. There is more pollution. Workers (8) _____ they don't breathe the bad air. People (9) _____ buildings across the street. The smog (10) _____ it was three years ago. (11) _____. They cough a lot.

The U.S. embassy told people (12) _____ outside.

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) _____

