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Smog makes Beijing put sunrise on giant TVs

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise-1.html>

It's difficult to see the sun in Beijing. The air is full of smoke and fog. This smog is so thick that it blocks the sun. People want to see the sun. Beijing's leaders put giant screens in the city. People watch the sunrise on them. One screen has a message that asks people to protect the atmosphere and environment. Tourists like the TV sunrise. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said it looked like science fiction. He said it was cool, but also worrying.

The air in China's cities is bad in winter. People burn more coal for heating. This makes more pollution. Beijing's will use \$2.4 billion to make things better. Workers wear face masks to work. They cannot breathe the bad air. One man said he couldn't see the tall buildings across the street. He said the smog has become worse in the last three years. He often feels bad. He coughs and his nose runs. The US embassy told people not to do any 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. It's difficult to | a. fiction |
| 2. The air is full of smoke | b. sunrise |
| 3. it blocks | c. protect the atmosphere |
| 4. Beijing's leaders put giant | d. and fog |
| 5. asks people to | e. TV screens in the city |
| 6. Tourists like the TV | f. see the sun |
| 7. it looked like science | g. also worrying |
| 8. He said it was cool, but | h. the sun |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The air in China's cities is | a. things better |
| 2. People burn more coal | b. in the last three years |
| 3. This makes more | c. for heating |
| 4. make | d. the bad air |
| 5. Workers wear face | e. nose runs |
| 6. They cannot breathe | f. bad in winter |
| 7. the smog has become worse | g. masks to work |
| 8. He coughs and his | h. pollution |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise-1.html>

It's (1) _____ sun in Beijing. The air is full of smoke and fog. This smog (2) _____ it blocks the sun. People (3) _____ sun. Beijing's leaders put giant screens in the city. People watch the sunrise on them. One screen (4) _____ asks people to protect the atmosphere and environment. (5) _____ sunrise. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said it looked like science fiction. He said it was cool, (6) _____.

The air in China's cities (7) _____. People burn more coal for heating. This makes more pollution. Beijing's will use \$2.4 billion to (8) _____. Workers wear face masks to work. They cannot (9) _____ air. One man said he couldn't see (10) _____ across the street. He said the smog (11) _____ the last three years. He often feels bad. He coughs and his nose runs. The US embassy told people (12) _____ exercise 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
