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Level 0

Panasonic China staff to get "pollution pay"

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140316-pollution-pay-0.html>

Panasonic's Japanese staff in China will get "pollution pay".

This is because of China's pollution. No one knows who will get the pay, or how much it is. Workers who work in other countries usually get extra pay. Panasonic is the first company to give money because of pollution. Other companies might copy Panasonic.

Pollution is a big problem in China. It is 15 times higher than healthy levels. China is fighting a "war on pollution" in almost every big city. Why is China's pollution so bad? There are thousands more factories now. China uses a lot of coal. There are also thousands more cars on China's roads.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-26555874>
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2014/03/13/business/panasonic-china-staff-get-pay-for-pollution/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Panasonic's Japanese | a. pay |
| 2. This is because | b. in other countries |
| 3. No one knows who | c. staff in China |
| 4. Workers who work | d. because of pollution |
| 5. get extra | e. of China's pollution |
| 6. Panasonic is the | f. copy Panasonic |
| 7. give money | g. first |
| 8. companies might | h. will get the pay |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Pollution is a big | a. city |
| 2. 15 times | b. coal |
| 3. healthy | c. "war on pollution" |
| 4. China is fighting a | d. higher |
| 5. almost every big | e. factories |
| 6. There are thousands more | f. problem in China |
| 7. China uses a lot of | g. on China's roads |
| 8. more cars | h. levels |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Panasonic's (1) _____ China will get "pollution pay". (2) _____ China's pollution. No one knows who will get the pay, (3) _____. Workers who work in other countries (4) _____ pay. Panasonic is the first company (5) _____ because of pollution. Other (6) _____ Panasonic.

Pollution (7) _____ China. It is 15 times higher (8) _____. China is fighting (9) _____ in almost every big city. Why is China's pollution so bad? There (10) _____ factories now. China (11) _____. There are also thousands more (12) _____.

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) _____

