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Level 2

Panasonic China staff to get "pollution pay"

16th March, 2014

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THE READING

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The electronics company Panasonic will pay its Japanese staff in China "pollution pay". It wants workers to have more money because of China's poor air quality. No one knows how many people will get the extra money, or how much the additional pay is. Panasonic had no plans to give the payment to its Chinese staff. Workers who work in other countries usually get extra pay for phone calls, restaurants or furniture. Panasonic is maybe the first company to give money to its workers because of pollution. Other companies in China may now do the same as Panasonic.

Pollution is a big problem in China. The World Health Organization said pollution was 15 times higher than healthy levels. China's Premier said his country would fight a "war on pollution". A newspaper reported that: "Air quality [in China] was below national standards in almost every major city last year." There are a few reasons why pollution in China has become so bad. The country's economic success means there are thousands more factories. China also uses coal for most of its energy. In addition, there are thousands more cars than before 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/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. electronics | a. plans |
| 2. poor air | b. first |
| 3. No one knows how many people | c. quality |
| 4. Panasonic had no | d. company |
| 5. Workers who | e. will get the extra money |
| 6. extra pay for phone | f. now do the same |
| 7. Panasonic is maybe the | g. calls |
| 8. Other companies in China may | h. work in other countries |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Pollution is a big | a. standards |
| 2. 15 times | b. levels |
| 3. healthy | c. "war on pollution" |
| 4. fight a | d. success |
| 5. below national | e. higher |
| 6. There are a few reasons | f. for most of its energy |
| 7. economic | g. problem in China |
| 8. China also uses coal | h. why |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ Panasonic will pay its Japanese staff in China "pollution pay". It wants (2) _____ more money because of China's poor air quality. No one knows how many people (3) _____ money, or how much the additional pay is. Panasonic (4) _____ the payment to its Chinese staff. Workers who work in other countries usually get extra (5) _____, restaurants or furniture. Panasonic is maybe the first company to give money to its workers because of pollution. Other companies in China (6) _____ as Panasonic.

Pollution (7) _____ China. The World Health Organization said pollution (8) _____ than healthy levels. China's Premier said his country (9) _____ pollution". A newspaper reported that: "Air quality [in China] was below national standards in (10) _____ city last year." There are a few reasons why pollution in China has become so bad. The country's (11) _____ means there are thousands more factories. China also uses coal for most of its energy. In addition, (12) _____ cars than before on China's roads.

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)
