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## **Level 4**

### **India cities experiencing hazardous air quality**

**9th November, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-4.html>

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-4.html>

India's cities now have such hazardous air pollution that it is difficult to believe. The standard for normal air is set at a level of 50 according to the Air Quality Index (AQI). A level of 300 means the air is hazardous and a health alert. The AQI website says, "everyone may experience more serious health effects". Chandrapur reached an AQI level of 824, to become India's most polluted city. Environmentalists say many cities are now full of gas.

Poisonous fog covers India's capital. Schools closed for three days. New Delhi is polluted due to the nine million vehicles on its streets. Most of these break emissions standards. The situation is now worse because chemical pollution is blowing in from nearby states, farmers are setting fire to straw, and there is a lack of wind. To cut pollution, people are watering the streets to stop dust from rising. There is a ban on diesel-powered electricity generators.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. such hazardous                 | a. to believe               |
| 2. it is difficult                | b. the air is hazardous     |
| 3. The standard for normal air is | c. to the Air Quality Index |
| 4. according                      | d. of gas                   |
| 5. A level of 300 means           | e. alert                    |
| 6. health                         | f. polluted city            |
| 7. become India's most            | g. air pollution            |
| 8. many cities are now full       | h. set at a level of 50     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Poisonous fog                 | a. vehicles on its streets |
| 2. Schools closed                | b. fire to straw           |
| 3. due to the nine million       | c. worse                   |
| 4. Most of these break emissions | d. for three days          |
| 5. The situation is now          | e. dust from rising        |
| 6. farmers are setting           | f. covers India's capital  |
| 7. watering the streets to stop  | g. generators              |
| 8. diesel-powered electricity    | h. standards               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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India's cities (1) \_\_\_\_\_ hazardous air pollution that it is difficult to believe. The standard for normal (2) \_\_\_\_\_ level of 50 according to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (AQI). A level of 300 means the air is hazardous (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The AQI website says, "everyone may experience more serious health effects". Chandrapur (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of 824, to become India's most polluted city. Environmentalists say many cities are (6) \_\_\_\_\_. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ India's capital. Schools closed for three days. New Delhi is polluted (8) \_\_\_\_\_ million vehicles on its streets. Most of these break (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The situation is now worse because chemical pollution is blowing in from nearby states, farmers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to straw, and there is a lack of wind. To cut pollution, people are watering the streets (11) \_\_\_\_\_ rising. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ diesel-powered electricity generators.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIR QUALITY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air quality in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

