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**Level 1 – 24th August 2023**

## **Japan releases Fukushima water into the ocean**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230824-fukushima-radioactive-water-1.html>

Japan is releasing water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean. The plant was badly damaged in a 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The power company stored radioactive water in giant tanks. Japan said the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency said the water meets international safety standards. It said the water would not harm people.

Japan's neighbours are angry that the water is going into the Pacific. China has banned seafood from Fukushima. China said releasing the water was wrong. It said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the...well-being of all humankind". Hong Kong is worried about food safety. It will stop importing some Japanese food. South Korean activists have also protested. However, Seoul said the water meets international standards.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/08/21/asia/japan-fukushima-wastewater-release-decision-intl-hnk/index.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Japan is releasing            | a. plant                |
| 2. the Fukushima nuclear power   | b. the environment      |
| 3. The plant was badly damaged   | c. harm people          |
| 4. stored radioactive water in   | d. is safe              |
| 5. Japan said the water          | e. safety standards     |
| 6. harm                          | f. in a 2011 earthquake |
| 7. the water meets international | g. water                |
| 8. It said the water would not   | h. giant tanks          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Japan's neighbours            | a. interest          |
| 2. China has                     | b. about food safety |
| 3. its own self-                 | c. standards         |
| 4. the well-being of all         | d. are angry         |
| 5. Hong Kong is worried          | e. Japanese food     |
| 6. importing some                | f. humankind         |
| 7. activists have also           | g. banned seafood    |
| 8. the water meets international | h. protested         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ damaged in a 2011 (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The power company stored radioactive water (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Japan said the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ international safety standards. It said the water would (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Japan's neighbours (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the water is going into the Pacific. China has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Fukushima. China said releasing the (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the...well-being (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Hong Kong is worried about food safety. It will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese food. South Korean activists (12) \_\_\_\_\_. However, Seoul said the water meets international standards.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# OCEANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230824-fukushima-radioactive-water-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about oceans 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) \_\_\_\_\_

