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**Level 2 – 24th August 2023**

## Japan releases Fukushima water into the ocean

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Japan is releasing radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean. Fukushima was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in 2011. The power plant was badly damaged, so the power company stored radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. It is now being released into the ocean through a long tunnel. Japan stated that 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 cause no harm to people.

Countries near Japan are angry that the water is going into the Pacific. Japanese fishermen are also worried about selling their fish. China has banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China said the release of the water was wrong. It asked Japan to stop. It said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term 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. nuclear power                 | a. safety standards  |
| 2. The power plant was badly     | b. plant             |
| 3. stored radioactive water in   | c. tunnel            |
| 4. It is now being released      | d. harm to people    |
| 5. through a long                | e. into the ocean    |
| 6. harm the                      | f. 1,000 giant tanks |
| 7. the water meets international | g. environment       |
| 8. the water would cause no      | h. damaged           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. worried about selling            | a. some Japanese food |
| 2. China has banned seafood         | b. their fish         |
| 3. the release of the water         | c. standards          |
| 4. the long-term well-being         | d. was wrong          |
| 5. Hong Kong is worried             | e. protested          |
| 6. It will stop importing           | f. from Fukushima     |
| 7. South Korean activists have also | g. about food safety  |
| 8. the water meets international    | h. of all humankind   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Countries near Japan (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the water is going into the Pacific. Japanese fishermen are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ selling their fish. China has banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China said (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the water was wrong. It asked Japan to stop. It said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being (10) \_\_\_\_\_". Hong Kong is worried about food safety. It will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese food. South Korean activists have also protested. However, Seoul said (12) \_\_\_\_\_ international standards.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# OCEANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230824-fukushima-radioactive-water-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230824-fukushima-radioactive-water-2.html>

Write about **oceans** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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