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Level 3 – 24th August 2023

Japan releases Fukushima water into the ocean

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THE ARTICLE

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

Japan has started releasing radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was damaged, the power company stored radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been treated to reduce its radioactivity. It is now being slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea tunnel. Japan stated that the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water meets with international safety standards. It said there would be a "negligible radiological impact on people and the environment".

Many people in Japan, as well as countries near Japan, are angry that radioactive water is going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to sell their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called the release of the water a "wrongful decision" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of all humankind". Hong Kong is also worried about food safety. It said it would "immediately" stop importing some Japanese food products. South Korean activists have also protested, although Seoul understood that 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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WARM-UPS

1. OCEANS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about oceans. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

radioactive / water / ocean / nuclear power / tunnel / safe / harm / environment / angry / fishermen / fish / banned / capital city / decision / humankind / food / activist

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NUCLEAR POWER: Students A **strongly** believe nuclear power is too dangerous; Students B **strongly** believe it's very safe. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DISASTERS: How dangerous are these disasters? What damage can they cause? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Dangerous	Damage
Earthquakes		
Tsunami		
Hurricanes		
Wild fires		
Floods		
Heatwaves		

5. TSUNAMI: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tsunami". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ENERGY: Rank these with your partner. Put the best forms of energy at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nuclear
- Wind
- Coal-powered
- Solar
- Biofuel
- Geothermal
- Tidal
- Gas-powered

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. releasing | a. A factory-like place where industrial or manufacturing processes take place. |
| 2. plant | b. Kept something for future use. |
| 3. earthquake | c. The effect of influence of. |
| 4. stored | d. A sudden violent shaking of the ground, usually causing great damage. |
| 5. harm | e. So small or unimportant as to be not worth thinking about. |
| 6. negligible | f. Allowing or letting something escape and go free. |
| 7. impact | g. Damage. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. radioactive | h. Officially stopped people from doing something. |
| 9. banned | i. Shellfish and sea fish. |
| 10. seafood | j. A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change. |
| 11. capital | k. A conclusion after thinking about something. |
| 12. decision | l. The city or town where the government of a country or region is. |
| 13. importing | m. Sending out radiation. |
| 14. activist | n. Bringing goods or services into a country from another country for sale. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Japan has started releasing radioactive water into Fukushima. **T / F**
2. An earthquake totally destroyed the Fukushima nuclear power plant. **T / F**
3. The radioactive water will get to the Pacific Ocean via a long tunnel. **T / F**
4. An agency said the water would have almost no impact on people. **T / F**
5. Fisherman in Japan have no complaints about the radioactive water. **T / F**
6. China has banned all fish caught in Japanese waters. **T / F**
7. Hong Kong is banning some food from Japan. **T / F**
8. South Korea said the water meets international standards. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. started | a. damage |
| 2. huge | b. unnecessary |
| 3. reduce | c. guidelines |
| 4. harm | d. enormous |
| 5. negligible | e. concerned |
| 6. worried | f. begun |
| 7. wrongful | g. tiny |
| 8. well-being | h. protestors |
| 9. activists | i. lower |
| 10. standards | j. health |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. The plant was hit | a. about food safety |
| 2. stored radioactive water in | b. tunnel |
| 3. through a long sea | c. by a huge earthquake |
| 4. the water meets with international safety | d. have also protested |
| 5. a negligible radiological impact | e. standards |
| 6. they will not be able to | f. city |
| 7. China's foreign | g. 1,000 giant tanks |
| 8. the capital | h. ministry |
| 9. Hong Kong is also worried | i. on people |
| 10. South Korean activists | j. sell their fish |

GAP FILL

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

Japan has started (1) _____ radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The plant was (2) _____ by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was damaged, the power company (3) _____ radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been treated to (4) _____ its radioactivity. It is now being (5) _____ released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea (6) _____. Japan stated that the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water meets with international (7) _____ standards. It said there would be a "negligible radiological (8) _____ on people and the environment".

tunnel
releasing
stored
slowly
impact
hit
safety
reduce

Many people in Japan, as well as countries near Japan, are (9) _____ that radioactive water is going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to (10) _____ their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the (11) _____ city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called the release of the water a "wrongful (12) _____" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of all (13) _____". Hong Kong is also worried about food (14) _____. It said it would "immediately" stop (15) _____ some Japanese food products. South Korean activists have also protested, although Seoul understood that the water (16) _____ international standards.

capital
meets
angry
importing
humankind
sell
decision
safety

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) started releasing radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant _____
 - a. into then ocean
 - b. unto an ocean
 - c. into the ocean
 - d. onto the ocean
- 2) The plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami
 - a. earthquake end tsunami
 - b. earthquake and tsunami
 - c. earthquake sand tsunami
 - d. earthquake hand tsunami
- 3) the power company stored radioactive water in _____
 - a. 1,000 giant thanks
 - b. 1,000 giant thinks
 - c. 1,000 giant tans
 - d. 1,000 giant tanks
- 4) It is now being slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a _____
 - a. long seal tunnel
 - b. long sea tunnel
 - c. long seat tunnel
 - d. long see tunnel
- 5) It said there would be a "negligible radiological" _____
 - a. compact on people
 - b. impact in people
 - c. impact on people
 - d. in packed on people
- 6) Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to _____
 - a. sell their fish
 - b. cell their fish
 - c. seal their fish
 - d. sale their fish
- 7) China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and _____
 - a. the cap it all city
 - b. the cap pitta city
 - c. the capital city
 - d. the capacity
- 8) China's foreign ministry called the release of the water _____
 - a. a wrongful decisions
 - b. a wrongful decision
 - c. a wrongful derision
 - d. a wrongful incision
- 9) Hong Kong is also worried _____
 - a. about food safe tea
 - b. about food safely
 - c. about food softie
 - d. about food safety
- 10) although Seoul understood that the water _____
 - a. meets international stand ads
 - b. meets international standards
 - c. meets international standard
 - d. meets international standardize

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Japan (1) _____ radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The plant was hit (2) _____ earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was damaged, the power company (3) _____ in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been treated to reduce its radioactivity. It (4) _____ slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea tunnel. Japan stated that the water is safe and (5) _____ the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water meets with international safety standards. It said there would be a "negligible radiological (6) _____ and the environment".

Many people in Japan, (7) _____ countries near Japan, are angry that radioactive water is going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be (8) _____ their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called (9) _____ the water a "wrongful decision" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being (10) _____". Hong Kong is also worried about food safety. It said it would "immediately" (11) _____ Japanese food products. South Korean activists (12) _____, although Seoul understood that the water meets international standards.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What two things hit the Fukushima nuclear plant?
2. How many tanks are storing radioactive water?
3. How will the water get to the Pacific Ocean?
4. Who said the water meets international safety standards?
5. What kind of radiological impact will the water have on people?
6. Who is worried about fish?
7. What has China banned?
8. What did China ask Japan to do?
9. What is Hong Kong worried about?
10. What did activists do in South Korea?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What two things hit the Fukushima nuclear plant?
 - a) an earthquake and a typhoon
 - b) an earthquake and tsunami
 - c) a tsunami and a heatwave
 - d) a typhoon and a tsunami
- 2) How many tanks are storing radioactive water?
 - a) 4,000
 - b) 3,000
 - c) 2,000
 - d) 1,000
- 3) How will the water get to the Pacific Ocean?
 - a) across a bridge
 - b) by boat
 - c) through a tunnel
 - d) by giant hoses
- 4) Who said the water meets international safety standards?
 - a) the IAEA
 - b) the EAIA
 - c) the AEAI
 - d) the AEIA
- 5) What kind of radiological impact will the water have on people?
 - a) none
 - b) a negligible impact
 - c) no one knows
 - d) a small impact
- 6) Who is worried about fish?
 - a) local fishermen
 - b) tour boat operators
 - c) fish shops
 - d) a Fukushima market
- 7) What has China banned?
 - a) Japanese bottled water
 - b) tuna
 - c) seafood
 - d) Japanese beef
- 8) What did China ask Japan to do?
 - a) stop releasing the water
 - b) talk more
 - c) stop nuclear power
 - d) build more water tanks
- 9) What is Hong Kong worried about?
 - a) air travel
 - b) tourism in Japan
 - c) the water reaching Hong Kong
 - d) food safety
- 10) What did activists do in South Korea?
 - a) sit outside the Japanese embassy
 - b) pray
 - c) protest
 - d) write letters

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Nuclear

You think nuclear is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wind, solar or geothermal.

Role B – Wind

You think wind is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear, solar or geothermal.

Role C – Solar

You think solar is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wind, nuclear or geothermal.

Role D – Geothermal

You think geothermal is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wind, solar or nuclear.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'radioactive' and 'nuclear'.

radioactive	nuclear
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• started• huge• stored• slowly• harm• impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• local• banned• release• worried• meets
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OCEANS SURVEY

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

OCEANS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'radioactive'?
3. What do you know about the nuclear disaster at Fukushima?
4. What do you think of nuclear power?
5. What do you think of the water being released into the ocean?
6. What is the danger of radioactive water?
7. Would you live near a nuclear power plant?
8. Is releasing the water OK if the IAEA says it's OK?
9. What three adjectives best describe this story?
10. How can we protect power plants from earthquakes?

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OCEANS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'nuclear'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What should Japan do to help its fishermen?
15. Would you eat fish from the area?
16. What else could Japan do with the water stored in tanks?
17. Should Japan's neighbours be worried?
18. Have you ever protested against anything?
19. What advice do you have for people in Fukushima?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Fukushima bosses?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Many people in Japan, as (7) _____ as countries near Japan, are angry that radioactive water is going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to (8) _____ their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called the release of the water a "wrongful (9) _____ " and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of (10) _____ humankind". Hong Kong is also worried about food safety. It said it would "immediately" stop importing some Japanese food products. South Korean (11) _____ have also protested, although Seoul understood that the water (12) _____ international standards.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) release | (b) releasing | (c) releases | (d) released |
| 2. | (a) enormous | (b) huge | (c) tiny | (d) hugest |
| 3. | (a) stores | (b) storage | (c) store | (d) stored |
| 4. | (a) treats | (b) treated | (c) treaty | (d) threatened |
| 5. | (a) saving | (b) save | (c) safety | (d) safe |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) well | (b) good | (c) goodness | (d) better |
| 8. | (a) make | (b) cook | (c) sell | (d) do |
| 9. | (a) decides | (b) decider | (c) decide | (d) decision |
| 10. | (a) all | (b) whole | (c) every | (d) each |
| 11. | (a) activists | (b) activities | (c) activity | (d) activates |
| 12. | (a) meets | (b) greets | (c) attends | (d) gathers |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. iodeticarva water
2. raleucn power plant
3. a huge earthquake and mianust
4. The water has been edarett
5. harm the reieontvnmn
6. international yftaes standards

Paragraph 2

7. banned dasofeo from Fukushima
8. the italpac city, Tokyo
9. a wrongful cesniido
10. all hkunidnma
11. npgmitior some Japanese food products
12. South Korean activists have also terpsodte

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to sell their
- () putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of all humankind". Hong Kong is also worried
- () its radioactivity. It is now being slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea
- () there would be a "negligible radiological impact on people and the environment".
- () Many people in Japan, as well as countries near Japan, are angry that radioactive water is
- () damaged, the power company stored radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been treated to reduce
- () ministry called the release of the water a "wrongful decision" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is
- () about food safety. It said it would "immediately" stop importing some Japanese food products. South Korean
- () ocean. The plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was
- (**1**) Japan has started releasing radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the
- () Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water meets with international safety standards. It said
- () activists have also protested, although Seoul understood that the water meets international standards.
- () tunnel. Japan stated that the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic
- () fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China's foreign

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. started Japan releasing water has radioactive Fukushima . from
2. plant a The huge hit earthquake . by was
3. its to treated was reduce The water radioactivity .
4. that Japan water stated safe . the is
5. The water standards . meets safety with international
6. Pacific . that radioactive is water Angry the in
7. won't be sell able to fish . their They
8. worried Kong also Hong food safety . is about
9. It products . importing immediately Japanese would food stop
10. that understood Seoul meets international the standards . water

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Japan has started *released / releasing* radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The plant was hit *on / by* a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was *damaging / damaged*, the power company *stored / storage* radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been *treated / threatened* to reduce its radioactivity. It is now *being / been* slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea *bridge / tunnel*. Japan stated that the water is *safe / safety* and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water *meets / meetings* with international safety standards. It said there would *have / be* a "negligible radiological impact on people and the environment".

Many / Much people in Japan, as well as countries *near / nearly* Japan, are angry that radioactive water is *going / gone* into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to *selling / sell* their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the *capital / upper case* city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called the release *to / of* the water a "wrongful decision" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of *every / all* humankind". Hong Kong is also worried about *feed / food* safety. It said it would "immediately" stop importing some Japanese food *product / products*. South Korean activists have also protested, *moreover / although* Seoul understood that the water meets international standards.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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J_p_n h_s st_rt_d r_l__s_ng r_d___ct_v_ w_t_r fr_m th_ F_k_sh_m_ n_cl__r p_w_r pl_nt _nt_ th_ _c__n. Th_ pl_nt w_s h_t by _ h_g_ __rthq__k_ _nd ts_n_m_ _n M_rch 2011. _ft_r th_ p_w_r pl_nt w_s d_m_g_d, th_ p_w_r c_mp_ny st_r_d r_d___ct_v_ w_t_r _n 1,000 g__nt t_nks. Th_ w_t_r h_s b__n tr__t_d t_ r_d_c_ _ts r_d___ct_v_ty. _t _s n_w b__ng sl_wly r_l__s_d _nt_ th_ P_c_f_c _c__n thr__gh _ l_ng s__ t_nn_l. J_p_n st_t_d th_t th_ w_t_r _s s_f_ _nd w__ld n_t h_rm th_ _nv_r_nm_nt. Th_ _nt_rn_t__n_l _t_m_c _n_rgy _g_ncy (____) s__d th_ w_t_r m__ts w_th _nt_rn_t__n_l s_f_ty st_nd_rds. _t s__d th_r_ w__ld b_ _ "n_gl_g_bl_ r_d__l_g_c_l _mp_ct _n p__pl_ _nd th_ _nv_r_nm_nt".

M_ny p__pl_ _n J_p_n, _s w_ll _s c__ntr__s n__r J_p_n, _r_ _ngry th_t r_d___ct_v_ w_t_r _s g__ng _nt_ th_ P_c_f_c. L_c_l f_sh_rm_n _r_ w_rr__d th_y w_ll n_t b_ _bl_ t_ s_ll th__r f_sh. Ch_n_ h_s _lr__dy b_nnd s__f__d fr_m F_k_sh_m_ _nd th_ c_p_t_l c_ty, T_ky_. Ch_n_'s f_r__gn m_n_stry c_ll_d th_ r_l__s_ _f th_ w_t_r _ "wr_ngf_l d_c_s__n" _nd _sk_d J_p_n t_ st_p. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d: "J_p_n _s p_tt_ng _ts _wn s_lf-nt_r_st _v_r th_ l_ng-t_rm w_ll-b__ng _f _ll h_m_nk_nd". H_ng K_ng _s _ls_ w_rr__d _b__t f__d s_f_ty. _t s__d _t w__ld "_mm_d__t_ly" st_p _mp_rt_ng s_m_ J_p_n_s_ f__d pr_d_cts. S__th K_r__n _ct_v_sts h_v_ _ls_ pr_t_st_d, _lth__gh S__l _nd_rst__d th_t th_ w_t_r m__ts _nt_rn_t__n_l st_nd_rds.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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japan has started releasing radioactive water from the fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean the plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in march 2011 after the power plant was damaged the power company stored radioactive water in 1000 giant tanks the water has been treated to reduce its radioactivity it is now being slowly released into the pacific ocean through a long sea tunnel japan stated that the water is safe and would not harm the environment the international atomic energy agency iaea said the water meets with international safety standards it said there would be a negligible radiological impact on people and the environment

many people in japan as well as countries near japan are angry that radioactive water is going into the pacific local fishermen are worried they will not be able to sell their fish china has already banned seafood from fukushima and the capital city tokyo chinas foreign ministry called the release of the water a wrongful decision and asked japan to stop a spokesperson said japan is putting its own selfinterest over the longterm wellbeing of all humankind hong kong is also worried about food safety it said it would immediately stop importing some japanese food products south korean activists have also protested although seoul understood that the water meets international standards

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Japan has started releasing radioactive water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The plant was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. After the power plant was damaged, the power company stored radioactive water in 1,000 giant tanks. The water has been treated to reduce its radioactivity. It is now being slowly released into the Pacific Ocean through a long sea tunnel. Japan stated that the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the water meets with international safety standards. It said there would be a "negligible radiological impact on people and the environment". Many people in Japan, as well as countries near Japan, are angry that radioactive water is going into the Pacific. Local fishermen are worried they will not be able to sell their fish. China has already banned seafood from Fukushima and the capital city, Tokyo. China's foreign ministry called the release of the water a "wrongful decision" and asked Japan to stop. A spokesperson said: "Japan is putting its own self-interest over the long-term well-being of all humankind". Hong Kong is also worried about food safety. It said it would "immediately" stop importing some Japanese food products. South Korean activists have also protested, although Seoul understood that the water meets international standards.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OCEANS: Make a poster about oceans. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FUKUSHIMA: Write a magazine article about following the IAEA guidelines and allowing Fukushima water to go into the ocean. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on nuclear energy. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. g
6. e	7. b	8. j	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An earthquake and tsunami
2. 1,000
3. Through a tunnel
4. The IAEA
5. A negligible impact
6. Local fishermen
7. Seafood
8. Stop releasing the water
9. Food safety
10. Protest

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Japan has started releasing radioactive water from Fukushima.
2. The plant was hit by a huge earthquake.
3. The water was treated to reduce its radioactivity.
4. Japan stated that the water is safe.
5. The water meets with international safety standards.
6. Angry that radioactive water is in the Pacific.
7. They won't be able to sell their fish.
8. Hong Kong is also worried about food safety.
9. It would immediately stop importing Japanese food products.
10. Seoul understood that the water meets international standards.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)