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Level 1

Pollution is the world's biggest killer

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

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THE READING

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Pollution is the world's biggest killer. It caused one in six, or 16 per cent, of all global deaths in 2015. Most of these deaths were from diseases like heart disease, lung cancer and stroke. Researchers said 92 per cent of pollution-related deaths were in poor countries, especially countries with a lot of economic development. Bangladesh and Somalia were the countries most affected. Brunei and Sweden had the lowest numbers of deaths because of pollution.

A researcher said: "Pollution, poverty [and] poor health...are deeply [linked]." He said pollution threatens human rights, such as the right to life and health. Air pollution was the biggest killer. It killed 6.5 million people in 2015. The second biggest killer was water pollution. Next, was pollution in the workplace. A scientist said: "Air pollution is reaching crisis point." People with breathing problems, children and the elderly are hardest hit.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-41678533>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 16 per cent of | a. numbers |
| 2. Most of these deaths were | b. deaths |
| 3. pollution-related | c. of pollution |
| 4. in poor | d. all global deaths |
| 5. a lot of economic | e. affected |
| 6. the countries most | f. from diseases |
| 7. Sweden had the lowest | g. development |
| 8. deaths because | h. countries |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. pollution threatens human | a. problems |
| 2. the right | b. was water pollution |
| 3. Air | c. rights |
| 4. The second biggest killer | d. hit |
| 5. pollution in the | e. point |
| 6. Air pollution is reaching crisis | f. pollution |
| 7. People with breathing | g. workplace |
| 8. the elderly are hardest | h. to life |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171023-pollution-1.html>

Pollution (1) _____ biggest killer. It caused one in six, or 16 per cent, (2) _____ deaths in 2015. Most of these deaths were from diseases like heart disease, lung (3) _____. Researchers said 92 per cent of pollution-related deaths were in poor countries, especially countries (4) _____ of economic development. Bangladesh and Somalia were the countries (5) _____. Brunei and Sweden had the lowest numbers of (6) _____ pollution.

A researcher said: "Pollution, poverty (7) _____ ...are deeply [linked]." He said pollution (8) _____ rights, such as the right to life and health. (9) _____ was the biggest killer. It killed 6.5 million people in 2015. The second biggest killer was water pollution. Next, was pollution (10) _____. A scientist said: "Air pollution is reaching (11) _____." People with breathing problems, children and the elderly are (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POLLUTION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171023-pollution-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about pollution 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) _____

