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Level 4 – 6th March, 2020

Half of world's beaches could disappear by 2100

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

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THE READING

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Scientists predict that rising sea levels could put half the world's beaches under water by the end of the century. They blame climate change. The scientists are from the European Commission. They warned that beaches in tourist hot-spots are threatened by erosion from increasing sea levels. Well-known beaches in Australia's Surfers' Paradise, the islands of Hawaii, Brazil's Copacabana Beach, and the Costa del Sol in Spain could disappear.

Countries like The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau in Africa could lose 60% of their beaches. Australia could lose 12,000km of its beaches. The researchers said: "A substantial proportion of the world's sandy coastline is already eroding." They said we could see, "the near extinction of the world's sandy beaches". There are two ways we can help to save the beaches. One is to reduce emissions; the other is to manage our coastline in a more sustainable way.

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/tech/11079158/half-of-worlds-beaches-lost-climate-change/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-8065697/Half-worlds-beaches-disappear-end-century-climate-change.html>
<https://time.com/5793668/sandy-beaches-climate-change/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. rising sea | a. of the century |
| 2. put half the world's beaches | b. Hawaii |
| 3. by the end | c. European Commission |
| 4. They blame | d. erosion |
| 5. scientists are from the | e. under water |
| 6. beaches in tourist | f. climate change |
| 7. threatened by | g. hot-spots |
| 8. the islands of | h. levels |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. lose 60% | a. emissions |
| 2. Australia could lose 12,000km of | b. sandy beaches |
| 3. coastline is already | c. way |
| 4. the near extinction of the world's | d. their beaches |
| 5. There are two ways | e. manage our coastline |
| 6. reduce | f. its beaches |
| 7. the other is to | g. we can help |
| 8. in a more sustainable | h. eroding |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists predict that (1) _____ could put half the world's beaches under water by the end (2) _____. They blame climate change. The (3) _____ the European Commission. They warned that beaches in tourist hot-spots (4) _____ erosion from increasing sea levels. Well-known beaches in Australia's Surfers' Paradise, (5) _____, Brazil's Copacabana Beach, and the Costa del Sol in (6) _____.

Countries like The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau in Africa (7) _____ of their beaches. Australia could lose 12,000km (8) _____. The researchers said: "A substantial proportion of the world's sandy coastline (9) _____." They said we could see, "(10) _____ of the world's sandy beaches". There are two ways we can (11) _____ the beaches. One is to reduce emissions; the other is to manage our coastline in (12) _____ way.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEACHES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about beaches 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) _____

