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'Poo-nami' of raw sewage hits English beaches

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

Beaches in England and Wales have closed because water companies pumped raw sewage into the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches this week. Some of the beaches were popular places for tourists, surfers and swimmers. They risked catching diseases if they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they swam in the sea. A resident on the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's filthy, murky, and it stinks." She added the sewage was "quite obvious" to see and smell. She called it a "poonami".

Many people in England are angry with the water companies. England sold its water to private investors in 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers for more than nine million hours since 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the past five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the dirtiest. One Briton said clean water was a human right and not for company profits. She said water company CEOs care more about their salaries than the UK's environment.

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WARM-UPS

1. SEWAGE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sewage. 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?

beaches / water companies / sewage / beaches / tourists / swimming / sea / smell / angry / water / investors / salary / bonus / rivers / human right / profits / CEOs

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

3. FREE WATER: Students A **strongly** believe water should be free for everyone in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it's OK to pay for it. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CLEAN: How can we keep these things clean? Why are they so dirty today? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How to Keep Them Clean	Why So Dirty?
Oceans		
Lakes		
Rivers		
Seas		
Dams		
Ponds		

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

6. BEACH: Rank these with your partner. Put the best beach activities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Jogging
- Swimming
- Making sandcastles
- Beach combing
- Barbecue
- Sunbathing
- Sunset viewing
- Surfing

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. pumped | a. A person who is travelling or visiting a place for fun. |
| 2. issued | b. Made liquid move through a pipe. |
| 3. avoid | c. Keep away from or stop oneself from doing. |
| 4. tourist | d. A person who lives somewhere permanently or long term. |
| 5. advised | e. Horribly and disgustingly dirty. |
| 6. resident | f. Gave or supplied people with. |
| 7. filthy | g. Offered suggestions about the best thing for someone to do. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. investor | h. Make or become bigger in size, amount, or degree. |
| 9. bonus | i. Being in or shared by some members of a group or community. |
| 10. polluting | j. A thing that all people around the world should have (e.g. freedom, water, etc.). |
| 11. increase | k. Dirtying the water, rivers, air, countryside, streets, etc. |
| 12. among | l. The extra money you have in business or in a business deal. |
| 13. human right | m. A person or organization that puts money into a business, financial project, property, etc., hoping to get more money back. |
| 14. profit | n. Money added to a person's salary because they did well in their job. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

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

1. All of the beaches in England have been closed. **T / F**
2. Many surfers caught diseases from the raw sewage. **T / F**
3. A woman saw "things" floating in the sea. **T / F**
4. The woman said the sewage in the sea was like a "phoonami". **T / F**
5. England's water was privatized in 1989. **T / F**
6. Water company CEOs get no bonuses because of the sewage. **T / F**
7. England's beaches used to be among Europe's cleanest. **T / F**
8. The article says water company CEOs care about the environment most. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. closed | a. hazardous |
| 2. raw | b. local |
| 3. popular | c. clear |
| 4. resident | d. most polluted |
| 5. obvious | e. untreated |
| 6. angry | f. rise |
| 7. dangerous | g. shut |
| 8. increase | h. worry |
| 9. dirtiest | i. furious |
| 10. care | j. well liked |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. warnings to holidaymakers to avoid | a. to private investors |
| 2. They risked catching | b. than the UK's environment |
| 3. advised people to keep their mouth | c. stinks |
| 4. It's filthy, murky, and it | d. the cleanest in Europe |
| 5. the sewage was "quite obvious" | e. closed if they swam |
| 6. Many people in England are angry | f. dozens of beaches |
| 7. England sold its water | g. with the water companies |
| 8. CEOs are now getting million-dollar | h. diseases |
| 9. England's beaches were among | i. salaries and bonuses |
| 10. CEOs care more about their salaries | j. to see and smell |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

Beaches in England and Wales have closed because water companies (1) _____ raw sewage into the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued (2) _____ to holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches this week. Some of the beaches were (3) _____ places for tourists, surfers and swimmers. They (4) _____ catching diseases if they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth (5) _____ if they swam in the sea. A (6) _____ on the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's (7) _____, murky, and it stinks." She added the sewage was "quite obvious" to see and (8) _____. She called it a "poonami".

popular
closed
pumped
smell
risked
filthy
warnings
resident

Many people in England are (9) _____ with the water companies. England sold its water to private (10) _____ in 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and (11) _____ while dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and (12) _____ for more than nine million hours since 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent (13) _____ in the past five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the (14) _____. One Briton said clean water was a human (15) _____ and not for company profits. She said water company CEOs (16) _____ more about their salaries than the UK's environment.

dirtiest
investors
care
bonuses
right
angry
increase
rivers

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) issued warnings to holidaymakers to _____ beaches
 - a. avoid dozens off
 - b. avoid dozens oft
 - c. avoid dozens of
 - d. avoid dozens soft
- 2) Water companies advised people to keep _____
 - a. their mouth closed
 - b. their mouth closet
 - c. their mouth cloze
 - d. their mouth clothed
- 3) of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see _____ water
 - a. float tin in the
 - b. floating in the
 - c. float in in the
 - d. float thing in the
- 4) She said it's filthy, murky, _____
 - a. and it stinkers
 - b. and it stinky
 - c. and it stink
 - d. and it stinks
- 5) She added the sewage was quite _____
 - a. oblivious to see
 - b. envious to see
 - c. environs to see
 - d. obvious to see
- 6) England sold its water to private _____
 - a. investor sin 1989
 - b. investors' sin 1989
 - c. investors in 1989
 - d. investors sin 1989
- 7) salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is _____
 - a. polluting the environmental
 - b. polluting the environmentally
 - c. polluting the environment
 - d. polluting the environments
- 8) There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the _____
 - a. past five years
 - b. passed five years
 - c. parsed five years
 - d. psst five years
- 9) England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are _____
 - a. aiming the dirtiest
 - b. am young the dirtiest
 - c. among the dirtiest
 - d. a monk the dirtiest
- 10) She said water company CEOs care more _____
 - a. about they salaries
 - b. about they're salaries
 - c. about there salaries
 - d. about their salaries

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

Beaches in England and Wales (1) _____ water companies pumped raw sewage into the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers (2) _____ of beaches this week. Some of the beaches were popular places for tourists, (3) _____. They risked catching diseases if they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they swam in the sea. (4) _____ the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's filthy, murky, (5) _____." She added the sewage was "quite obvious" to (6) _____. She called it a "poonami".

Many people in England (7) _____ the water companies. England sold its water to (8) _____ 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage (9) _____ environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers for more than (10) _____ since 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the past five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were (11) _____ in Europe; now they are among the dirtiest. One Briton said clean water was (12) _____ and not for company profits. She said water company CEOs care more about their salaries than the UK's environment.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

1. In which two countries did raw sewage close beaches?
2. What do people risk catching if they swim in the sea?
3. What did water companies tell people to keep closed?
4. What did a woman see floating in the water?
5. What did a local say it was quiet obvious to do regarding the sewage?
6. When was England's water privatized?
7. Who gets million-dollar salaries?
8. When were England's beaches among Europe's cleanest?
9. What did a Briton say water was?
10. What did a woman say water company CEOs cared about?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

- 1) In which two countries did raw sewage close beaches?
 - a) Wales and Ireland
 - b) Ireland and England
 - c) England and Scotland
 - d) England and Wales
- 2) What do people risk catching if they swim in the sea?
 - a) fish
 - b) diseases
 - c) a cold
 - d) a wave
- 3) What did water companies tell people to keep closed?
 - a) their car windows
 - b) their ears
 - c) their eyes
 - d) their mouth
- 4) What did a woman see floating in the water?
 - a) dead fish
 - b) oil
 - c) things she didn't want to see
 - d) a whale
- 5) What did a local say it was quite obvious to do regarding the sewage?
 - a) photograph it
 - b) release it
 - c) test it
 - d) smell it
- 6) When was England's water privatized?
 - a) 1987
 - b) 1988
 - c) 1989
 - d) 1990
- 7) Who gets million-dollar salaries?
 - a) water company CEOs
 - b) environmentalists
 - c) investors
 - d) poonami experts
- 8) When were England's beaches among Europe's cleanest?
 - a) 1066
 - b) 1988
 - c) 2016
 - d) 1389
- 9) What did a Briton say water was?
 - a) wet
 - b) a human right
 - c) yummy
 - d) everywhere
- 10) What did a woman say water company CEOs cared about?
 - a) their salaries
 - b) themselves
 - c) profits
 - d) nothing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Swimming

You think swimming is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): making sandcastles, having a barbecue or sunset viewing.

Role B – Making Sandcastles

You think making sandcastles is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): swimming, having a barbecue or sunset viewing.

Role C – Having a Barbecue

You think having a barbecue is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): making sandcastles, swimming or sunset viewing.

Role D – Sunset Viewing

You think sunset viewing is the best beach activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): making sandcastles, having a barbecue or swimming.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

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

sewage	water

- 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">• pumped• dozens• risked• advised• floating• obvious	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• angry• dangerous• hours• past• dirtiest• care
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SEWAGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about sewage 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.

SEWAGE 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 'sewage'?
3. What do you think of sewage?
4. How dangerous is raw sewage?
5. What do you think of raw sewage being pumped into the sea?
6. What's your image of British beaches?
7. Should the water companies be fined?
8. Should the water company bosses lose their jobs?
9. What do you think of the word 'poo-nami'?
10. What advice do you have for the water company CEOs?

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SEWAGE 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 'water'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What should happen to sewage?
15. Should company CEOs go to prison for damaging the environment?
16. Why are profits always more important than the environment?
17. How would you feel if raw sewage was in rivers near you?
18. How surprised are you that companies in the UK are polluting beaches?
19. Should private companies control a country's water supply?
20. What questions would you like to ask the water company CEOs?

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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Beaches in England and Wales have (1) _____ because water companies pumped raw sewage (2) _____ the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to avoid dozens (3) _____ beaches this week. Some of the beaches were popular places for tourists, surfers and swimmers. They risked catching diseases (4) _____ they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they swam in the sea. A (5) _____ on the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's (6) _____, murky, and it stinks." She added the sewage was "quite obvious" to see and smell. She called it a "poonami".

Many people in England are angry (7) _____ the water companies. England sold its water to private investors in 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and bonuses (8) _____ dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers for more than nine million hours (9) _____ 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the past five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the (10) _____ in Europe; now they are among the dirtiest. One Briton said clean water was a (11) _____ right and not for company profits. She said water company CEOs (12) _____ more about their salaries than the UK's environment.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) closeted | (b) closet | (c) closed | (d) closets |
| 2. | (a) into | (b) unto | (c) as to | (d) onto |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) if | (b) that | (c) which | (d) how |
| 5. | (a) reside | (b) resident | (c) residential | (d) residence |
| 6. | (a) mouthy | (b) earthy | (c) frothy | (d) filthy |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) as | (c) with | (d) to |
| 8. | (a) among | (b) that | (c) between | (d) while |
| 9. | (a) since | (b) for | (c) as | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) cleanliness | (b) cleanest | (c) cleanser | (d) cleaning |
| 11. | (a) humane | (b) human | (c) humanly | (d) humanity |
| 12. | (a) careless | (b) caring | (c) care | (d) careful |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. dpmupe raw sewage into the sea
2. avoid znesdo of beaches
3. the beaches were popular places for otutrsis
4. loaingtf in the water
5. It's iltfyh, murky, and it stinks
6. the sewage was quite ouvsibo

Paragraph 2

7. sold its water to private nsetvoisr
8. million-dollar Issairae
9. dangerous raw sewage is ilpltugon the environment
10. a 2,000 per cent scrieane
11. they are among the dtiirest
12. company oftirsp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's filthy, murky, and it stinks." She
- () Many people in England are angry with the water companies. England sold its water to private investors in
- () beaches were popular places for tourists, surfers and swimmers. They risked catching diseases if they went into the
- () dirtiest. One Briton said clean water was a human right and not for company
- () into the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches this week. Some of the
- (**1**) Beaches in England and Wales have closed because water companies pumped raw sewage
- () on the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see
- () water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they swam in the sea. A resident
- () polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers for more
- () added the sewage was "quite obvious" to see and smell. She called it a "poonami".
- () than nine million hours since 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the past five years. In 2016, the European
- () Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the
- () profits. She said water company CEOs care more about their salaries than the UK's environment.
- () 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. sea . into the raw pumped Water companies sewage
2. beaches tourists . for places popular were The
3. Companies advised their keep people closed . to mouth
4. to didn't see . things Seeing want she
5. quite to see . sewage obvious The was
6. in companies . are England People with angry water
7. polluting is sewage Dangerous the environment . raw
8. beaches were in Europe . England's among the cleanest
9. clean right . was human a said Someone water
10. their more CEOs company Water salaries . about care

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

Beaches in England and Wales have *closed* / *closeted* because water companies pumped raw sewage *into* / *onto* the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to *evade* / *avoid* dozens of beaches this week. Some of the *beach* / *beaches* were popular places for tourists, *surfers* / *suffers* and swimmers. They risked catching diseases if they *want* / *went* into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they *swimming* / *swam* in the sea. A *residence* / *resident* on the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see *floating* / *floated* in the water when she swam. She said: "It's filthy, murky, and it stinks." She added the sewage was "*quiet* / *quite* obvious" to see and smell. She called it a "poonami".

Many people in England are *anger* / *angry* with the water companies. England sold its water to *privately* / *private* investors in 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and *bonus* / *bonuses* while dangerous raw sewage is *polluting* / *pollution* the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers *for* / *at* more than nine million hours since 2016. There has been a 2,000 per cent increase in the *post* / *past* five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were *between* / *among* the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the *dirtiest* / *dirties*. One Briton said clean water was a human right and not for company *profits* / *profitable*. She said water company CEOs care more about their salaries *than* / *more* the UK's environment.

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

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

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B__ch_s _n _ngl_nd _nd W_l_s h_v_ cl_s_d b_c__s_w_t_r c_m_p_n__s p_m_p_d r_w s_w_g_ _nt_ th_ s__.

Th_ _K _nv_r_nm_nt _g_ncy _ss__d w_rn_ngs t_h_l_d_y_m_k_rs t_ _v__d d_z_ns _f b__ch_s th_s w__k.

S_m_ _f th_ b__ch_s w_r_ p_p_l_r pl_c_s f_r t__r_sts, s_rf_rs _nd sw_mm_rs. Th_y r_sk_d c_tch_ng d_s__s_s _f th_y w_nt _nt_ th_ w_t_r. W_t_r c_m_p_n__s _dv_s_d p__pl_ t_ k__p th__r m__th cl_s_d _f th_y sw_m _n th_ s__. _ r_s_d_nt _n th_ s__th c__st t_wn _f B_xh_ll-n-S__ d_scr_b_d s__ng th_ngs sh_ d_dn't w_nt t_ s__ fl__t_ng _n th_ w_t_r wh_n sh_ sw_m.

Sh_ s__d: "_t's f_lthy, m_rky, _nd _t st_nks." Sh_ _dd_d th_ s_w_g_ w_s "q__t_ _bv__s" t_ s__ _nd sm_ll. Sh_ c_ll_d _t _ "p__n_m_".

M_ny p__pl_ _n _ngl_nd _r_ _ngry w_th th_ w_t_r c_m_p_n__s. _ngl_nd s_ld _ts w_t_r t_ pr_v_t_ _nv_st_rs _n 1989. C_m_p_ny C__s _r_ n_w g_tt_ng m_ll__n-d_ll_r s_l_r__s _nd b_n_s_s wh_l_ d_ng_r__s r_w s_w_g_ _s p_ll_t_ng th_ _nv_r_nm_nt. W_t_r c_m_p_n__s h_v_ p_m_p_d r_w s_w_g_ _nt_ Br_t__n's s__s _nd r_v_rs f_r m_r_ th_n n_n_ m_ll__n h__rs s_nc_ 2016. Th_r_ h_s b__n _ 2,000 p_r c_nt _ncr__s_ _n th_ p_st f_v_ y__rs. _n 2016, th_ __r_p__n _n__n s__d _ngl_nd's b__ch_s w_r_ _m_ng th_ cl__n_st _n __r_p_; n_w th_y _r_ _m_ng th_ d_rt__st. _n_ Br_t_n s__d cl__n w_t_r w_s _ h_m_n r_gh_t _nd n_t f_r c_m_p_ny pr_f_ts. Sh_ s__d w_t_r c_m_p_ny C__s c_r_ m_r_ _b__t th__r s_l_r__s th_n th_ _K's _nv_r_nm_nt.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220825-sewage-poonami.html>

beaches in england and wales have closed because water companies pumped raw sewage into the sea the uk environment agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches this week some of the beaches were popular places for tourists surfers and swimmers they risked catching diseases if they went into the water water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed if they swam in the sea a resident on the south coast town of bexhillonsea described seeing things she didnt want to see floating in the water when she swam she said its filthy murky and it stinks she added the sewage was quite obvious to see and smell she called it a poonami

many people in england are angry with the water companies england sold its water to private investors in 1989 company ceos are now getting milliondollar salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment water companies have pumped raw sewage into britains seas and rivers for more than nine million hours since 2016 there has been a 2000 per cent increase in the past five years in 2016 the european union said englands beaches were among the cleanest in europe now they are among the dirtiest one briton said clean water was a human right and not for company profits she said water company ceos care more about their salaries than the uks environment

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Beaches in England and Wales have closed because water companies pumped raw sewage into the sea. The UK Environment Agency issued warnings to holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches this week. Some of the beaches were popular places for tourists, surfers and swimmers. They risked catching diseases if they went into the water. Water companies advise people to keep their mouths closed if they swim in the sea. A resident of the south coast town of Bexhill-on-Sea described seeing things she didn't want to see floating in the water when she swam. She said: "It's filthy, murky, and it stinks." She added the sewage was "quite obvious" to see and smell. She called it a "poonami". Many people in England are angry with the water companies. England sold its water to private investors in 1989. Company CEOs are now getting million-dollar salaries and bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas and rivers for more than nine million hours since 2016. There has been a 2,000 percent increase in the past five years. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the dirtiest. One Briton said clean water was a human right and not for company profits. She said water company CEOs care more about their salaries than the UK's environment.

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

4. WATER: Write a magazine article about making governments provide water for free for everyone in the world. 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 sewage. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on water companies putting profit before public good. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. England and Wales
2. Diseases
3. Their mouth
4. Things she didn't want to see
5. To see and smell it
6. 1989
7. Water company CEOs
8. 2016
9. A human right
10. Their salaries

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Water companies pumped raw sewage into the sea.
2. The beaches were popular places for tourists.
3. Companies advised people to keep their mouth closed.
4. Seeing things she didn't want to see.
5. The sewage was quite obvious to see.
6. People in England are angry with water companies.
7. Dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment.
8. England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe.
9. Someone said clean water was a human right.
10. Water company CEOs care more about their salaries.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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