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## **Level 4**

### **City plans to plant 3 million trees**

**24th January, 2017**

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170124-city-of-trees-4.html>

Manchester has a plan to plant three million trees over the next 25 years. The project is called the "City of Trees". Its director said we would bring "existing woodland into management". He said: "There is no point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. The project will, "engage people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees [and] understanding more about the benefits that trees...bring to our society."

The director said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city region. We have a lot of fantastic development...but the natural environment needs to keep up with that." He said it would reconnect people with the natural world, provide health benefits and reduce stress. He said the trees would reduce air and noise pollution. He also said: "They can also help...climate change both in terms of...reducing the urban heat island effect and...flooding."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-38692022>  
<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/scheme-aiming-plant-tree-every-10497047>  
<http://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170124-city-of-trees-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Manchester has a    | a. called the "City of Trees" |
| 2. over the            | b. trees                      |
| 3. The project is      | c. environment                |
| 4. There is no         | d. bring to our society       |
| 5. engage people       | e. point                      |
| 6. natural             | f. plan                       |
| 7. planting            | g. a lot more                 |
| 8. benefits that trees | h. next 25 years              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Manchester wants to        | a. climate change         |
| 2. We have a lot of fantastic | b. environment            |
| 3. natural                    | c. and noise pollution    |
| 4. reconnect people           | d. development            |
| 5. provide health benefits    | e. island effect          |
| 6. reduce air                 | f. with the natural world |
| 7. They can also help         | g. be a world-class city  |
| 8. the urban heat             | h. and reduce stress      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170124-city-of-trees-4.html>

Manchester (1) \_\_\_\_\_ plant three million trees over the next 25 years. The project (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "City of Trees". Its director said (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "existing woodland into management". He said: "There (4) \_\_\_\_\_ planting new woodland if you can't manage (5) \_\_\_\_\_ already. The project will, "engage people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees [and] understanding more about the benefits that trees... (6) \_\_\_\_\_ society."

The director said: "Manchester (7) \_\_\_\_\_ world-class city region. We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic development..but the natural environment needs (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that." He said it would reconnect (10) \_\_\_\_\_ natural world, provide health benefits and reduce stress. He said the trees would (11) \_\_\_\_\_ noise pollution. He also said: "They can also help...climate change both in terms of...reducing the urban (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and...flooding."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TREES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170124-city-of-trees-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trees 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) \_\_\_\_\_

