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Man swims to work every day to beat traffic

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THE READING

A man swims 2km to work. He got tired of commuting and being stuck in traffic. Benjamin David, 40, pulls his laptop, phone and suit in a waterproof bag behind him. He said the river goes from his apartment to his office. He said swimming is better than using buses or breathing pollution while cycling.

David said swimming made him fitter and less stressed. When he was on his bike, he shouted at cars. When he walked, he shouted at cyclists. He said the river was just a few metres from all the traffic. He said swimming is "completely relaxing". River swimming can be dangerous. In some cities, you cannot swim in rivers.

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PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. He got tired	a. and suit
2. being stuck in	b. is better
3. his laptop, phone	c. cycling
4. in a waterproof	d. of commuting
5. the river goes from his apartment	e. bag
6. He said swimming	f. buses
7. using	g. to his office
8. breathing pollution while	h. traffic

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. swimming made him	a. at cyclists
2. less	b. be dangerous
3. When he was on	c. fitter
4. he shouted	d. in rivers
5. a few metres from all	e. his bike
6. He said swimming is completely	f. the traffic
7. River swimming can	g. stressed
8. you cannot swim	h. relaxing

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

A man swims 2km to work. He (1) _____ commuting and (2) _____ traffic. Benjamin David, 40, (3) _____, phone and suit in a waterproof (4) _____. He said the river goes from his apartment (5) _____. He said swimming is better than (6) _____ breathing pollution while cycling.

David said swimming made him (7) _____ stressed. When he (8) _____, he shouted at cars. When he walked, he (9) _____. He said the river was just a few metres (10) _____ traffic. He said swimming is "(11) _____". River swimming can be dangerous. In some cities, you (12) _____ rivers.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COMMUTING SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about commuting 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) _____

WRITING

Write about **commuting** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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