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China plans to reduce single-use plastics

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China has ambitious plans to greatly reduce single-use plastics by 2025. China's National Development and Reform Commission is fast-tracking measures to slash the production and use of plastics over the next five years. By the end of 2020, non-biodegradable plastic bags will be banned in supermarkets and malls in major cities. Food delivery and takeaway services, which use vast amounts of the plastics, will stop using single-use plastic straws and cutlery. These will be banned nationwide. China will encourage the use of alternative materials such as biodegradable shopping bags.

Single-use plastics are a major source of plastic pollution. They have become a part of daily life and of our throwaway culture. China set a goal of reducing overconsumption in order to reverse our reliance on single-use plastics. Previous regulations on plastic use, in 2008, led to an estimated cut in production of 67 billion bags. The United Nations said all countries needed policies similar to those China is introducing. It said: "We are already unable to cope with the amount of plastic waste we generate, unless we rethink the way we manufacture, use and manage plastics."

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3046760/china-unveils-plan-reduce-single-use-plastic-2025>
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/19/c_138718276.htm
<https://www.motherjones.com/environment/2020/01/china-plastics-ban-straws-bags/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. China has ambitious | a. and cutlery |
| 2. greatly reduce | b. tracking measures |
| 3. fast- | c. in supermarkets |
| 4. slash the | d. takeaway services |
| 5. banned | e. production |
| 6. Food delivery and | f. plans |
| 7. single-use plastic straws | g. alternative materials |
| 8. encourage the use of | h. single-use plastics |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a major source of plastic | a. part of daily life |
| 2. They have become a | b. on plastic use |
| 3. throwaway | c. we manufacture |
| 4. reverse our reliance | d. with the amount |
| 5. Previous regulations | e. in production |
| 6. an estimated cut | f. pollution |
| 7. unable to cope | g. culture |
| 8. we rethink the way | h. on single-use plastics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has ambitious (1) _____ reduce single-use plastics by 2025. China's National Development and Reform Commission is fast-tracking (2) _____ the production and use of plastics over the next five years. By the end of 2020, non-biodegradable plastic bags will be banned in supermarkets and (3) _____ cities. Food delivery and takeaway services, which (4) _____ of the plastics, will stop using single-use plastic (5) _____. These will be banned nationwide. China will encourage the (6) _____ materials such as biodegradable shopping bags.

Single-use plastics are a (7) _____ plastic pollution. They have become a part of daily life and of (8) _____. China set a goal of reducing overconsumption in order to (9) _____ on single-use plastics. Previous regulations on plastic use, in 2008, led to an (10) _____ production of 67 billion bags. The United Nations said all countries needed (11) _____ those China is introducing. It said: "We are already (12) _____ with the amount of plastic waste we generate, unless we rethink the way we manufacture, use and manage plastics."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SINGLE-USE PLASTICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about single-use plastics 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

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Write about **single-use plastics** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
