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Level 1 Farmers help ease water problems in California

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THE READING

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California has the worst drought in its history. Water supplies are at very low levels. The government has done many things to try to stop water running out. Farmers will now help. They will cut back on using water by 25 per cent. This will be voluntary. California's governor also cut water use in cities by 25 per cent. This made many city people angry. They did not want to be the only ones to have to use less water.

California's water system serves over 30 million people. It waters six million acres of farmland. It is the world's biggest water system. It has many problems. Too many people want too little water. Farmers say they need it most because they grow food. People in the cities say they need it to live. People who own golf courses and swimming pools also use a lot of water. California's population will be almost 50 million in the year 2020.

Sources: http://www.**sacbee**.com/news/state/california/water-anddrought/article21701118.html#storylink=cpy http://www.**latimes**.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-water-rights-20150522-story.html http://en.**wikipedia**.org/wiki/Water_in_California

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	the worst drought	a.	many things
2	Water supplies are	b.	by 25 per cent
3.	The government has done	с.	the only ones
4.	try to stop water	d.	people angry
5.	They will cut	e.	in its history
6.	cut water use in cities	f.	back on using water
7.	This made many city	g.	at very low levels
8.	They did not want to be	h.	running out

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	California's water	a.	because they grow food
2	It is the world's	b.	population
3.	Too many people want	c.	biggest water system
4.	Farmers say they need it most	d.	year 2020
5.	People in the cities say	e.	too little water
6.	People who own	f.	system
7.	California's	g.	they need it to live
8.	almost 50 million in the	h.	golf courses

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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California has (1) ______ in its history. Water supplies (2) ______ levels. The government has done many things (3) ______ water running out. Farmers will now help. They will (4) _____ using water by 25 per cent. This will be voluntary. California's governor also cut water (5) _____ 25 per cent. This made many city people angry. They did not want to be the only ones to have (6) _____. California's (7) ______ over 30 million people. It waters six million acres of farmland. (8) _____ biggest water system. It has many problems. (9) ______ want too little water. Farmers say they need it most because (10) ______. People in the cities say they need it to live. (11) courses and swimming pools also use a lot of water. California's population will be almost 50 million (12)

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

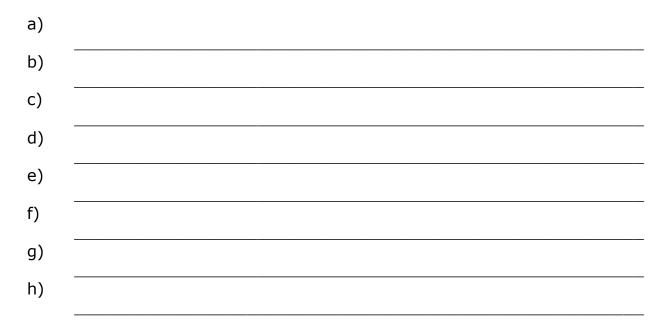
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	
e)	
f)	
g)	
h)	

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



WRITING

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Write about **water** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.