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## **Level 5**

### **Smartphone toilet paper at Japan airport**

**26th December, 2016**

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161226-tokyo-airport-5.html>

Tokyo's Narita International Airport has taken toilet cleanliness to a new level. There is now "toilet paper" for smartphones in the public lavatories. Passengers are encouraged to use the special wipes to disinfect their mobile phones. It is the idea of the Japanese mobile phone giant NTT Docomo. It also paid for the wipes to be put next to the regular toilet paper holder in 86 cubicles at the airport. An NTT YouTube video said toilet seats are usually more hygienic than smartphones. It said: "There are more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen as compared to a toilet seat."

Japan is a world leader in toilet technology. It has the most high-tech toilets in the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that have innovative flushing, warm seats, automated bidets, and lids that automatically rise when you enter the toilet. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds to hide embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT made a two-minute instructional video for tourists on how to use the smartphone toilet paper correctly. It also shows how to use Japan's toilets. NTT said it wanted to make sure, "foreign tourists could enjoy their travel hygienically".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161226-tokyo-airport-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. taken toilet cleanliness           | a. giant NTT Docomo    |
| 2. public                             | b. more hygienic       |
| 3. use the special wipes to disinfect | c. lavatories          |
| 4. the Japanese mobile phone          | d. times the germs     |
| 5. next to the regular toilet         | e. to a new level      |
| 6. 86 cubicles                        | f. their mobile phones |
| 7. toilet seats are usually           | g. at the airport      |
| 8. more than five                     | h. paper holder        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Japan is a world leader in   | a. video for tourists     |
| 2. It has the most high-tech    | b. their travel           |
| 3. lids that automatically      | c. flushing sounds        |
| 4. a gadget that produces loud  | d. toilets in the world   |
| 5. hide embarrassing            | e. toilet paper correctly |
| 6. a two-minute instructional   | f. toilet technology      |
| 7. how to use the smartphone    | g. rise                   |
| 8. foreign tourists could enjoy | h. "toilet noises"        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ toilet technology. It has the most high-tech toilets in the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that have (8) \_\_\_\_\_, warm seats, automated bidets, and lids that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ when you enter the toilet. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "toilet noises". NTT made a two-(11) \_\_\_\_\_ video for tourists on how to use the smartphone toilet paper correctly. It also shows how to use Japan's toilets. NTT said it wanted to make sure, "foreign tourists could (12) \_\_\_\_\_ hygienically".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PUBLIC TOILETS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161226-tokyo-airport-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about public toilets 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) \_\_\_\_\_

