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Level 3

Face recognition scanner to stop toilet paper thieves

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

A park in Beijing, China has started a trial to try and save toilet paper and prevent thieves from stealing it. Park officials have installed six facial recognition scanners at the city's Temple of Heaven Park. The machines will scan someone's face before providing him or her with 60 cm of toilet paper. That same person will then have to wait for nine minutes if they want extra paper. A park spokesman said there was a problem of visitors to the toilets taking too much toilet paper. He said some people came and filled their bags with it. The park had put up posters and broadcast messages over loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.

The new facial recognition scanners have brought a surprise. They have become a tourist attraction. Visitors are now coming to look at and try out the machines. Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone viral on social media sites. Staff are available to help people with problems using the machines or for people who urgently need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be popular. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: "This is a really good idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial appears to be successful so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has gone down by 20 per cent.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-39324431>
http://shanghaiist.com/2017/03/20/toilet_paper_theft_cameras.php
<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/face-scanner-to-wipe-out-toilet-paper-theft>

WARM-UPS

1. TOILET PAPER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about toilet paper. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

park / thieves / officials / scanner / extra / problem / visitors / posters / broadcast / surprise / tourist attraction / videos / viral / social media / popular / nationwide

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ALTERNATIVE: Students A **strongly** believe we should find an alternative to toilet paper; Students B **strongly** believe toilet paper is best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FACIAL RECOGNITION: How could it be useful for these things? What problems might there be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Uses	Problems
Airports		
Cars		
Banks		
Hospitals		
Internet		
Home		

5. SCAN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "scan". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TAKING THINGS: Rank these with your partner. Put the free things its most OK to take from public places at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- toilet paper
- ketchup sachets
- newspapers
- water
- tissues
- soap
- salt
- straws

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The facial recognition machines are just part of a trial. **T / F**
- b. Beijing has installed 60 facial recognition scanners in parks. **T / F**
- c. The machine only gives people a 60-cm strip of toilet paper. **T / F**
- d. A park put up posters asking people to use less toilet paper. **T / F**
- e. The facial recognition scanners have become a tourist attraction. **T / F**
- f. The article said the scanners are full of viruses. **T / F**
- g. There are no staff in a park toilets because of the scanners. **T / F**
- h. The scanners have had no effect on how much toilet paper is used. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. trial | a. seems |
| 2. prevent | b. more |
| 3. providing | c. seriously |
| 4. extra | d. stop |
| 5. filled | e. loaded |
| 6. strips | f. decreased |
| 7. urgently | g. test |
| 8. recommend | h. pieces |
| 9. appears | i. giving |
| 10. gone down | j. suggest |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. prevent thieves from | a. attraction |
| 2. The machines will scan | b. filled their bags with it |
| 3. wait for nine minutes if they | c. toilets nationwide |
| 4. people came and | d. someone's face |
| 5. broadcast messages over | e. of toilet paper used |
| 6. They have become a tourist | f. want extra paper |
| 7. gone viral | g. need more |
| 8. for people who urgently | h. loudspeakers |
| 9. I recommend that it be rolled out in | i. on social media |
| 10. The daily amount | j. stealing it |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

A park in Beijing, China has started a (1) _____ to try and save toilet paper and prevent (2) _____ from stealing it. Park officials have installed six facial recognition scanners at the city's Temple of Heaven Park. The machines will (3) _____ someone's face before (4) _____ him or her with 60 cm of toilet paper. That same person will then have to wait for nine minutes if they want (5) _____ paper. A park spokesman said there was a (6) _____ of visitors to the toilets taking too much toilet paper. He said some people came and (7) _____ their bags with it. The park had put up posters and broadcast (8) _____ over loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.

extra
trial
filled
scan
providing
messages
thieves
problem

The new facial recognition scanners have brought a (9) _____. They have become a tourist (10) _____. Visitors are now coming to look at and try out the machines. Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone (11) _____ on social media sites. Staff are available to help people with problems using the machines or for people who (12) _____ need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be (13) _____. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: "This is a really good (14) _____. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial appears to be (15) _____ so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has (16) _____ down by 20 per cent.

idea
attraction
gone
urgently
surprise
successful
popular
viral

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) a trial to try and save toilet paper and prevent thieves _____
 - a. from stolen it
 - b. from stealing it
 - c. from steal in it
 - d. from steel in it
- 2) scan someone's face before providing him or her with 60 cm _____
 - a. off toilet paper
 - b. for toilet paper
 - c. of toilet paper
 - d. if toilet paper
- 3) That same person will then have to wait for nine minutes if they _____
 - a. wants extra paper
 - b. wanting extra paper
 - c. want extra paper
 - d. wanted extra paper
- 4) He said some people came and filled their _____
 - a. bags within it
 - b. bags without it
 - c. bags wither it
 - d. bags with it
- 5) broadcast messages over loudspeakers asking visitors to use _____
 - a. less toilet paper
 - b. few toilet paper
 - c. bless toilet paper
 - d. lest toilet paper
- 6) The new facial recognition scanners have _____
 - a. bought a surprise
 - b. ought a surprise
 - c. brought a surprise
 - d. taught a surprise
- 7) Visitors are now coming to look at and try _____
 - a. out in the machines
 - b. outing the machines
 - c. outer the machines
 - d. out the machines
- 8) Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone _____
 - a. virus on social media
 - b. viral on social media
 - c. virally on social media
 - d. rival on social media
- 9) The scanners seem _____
 - a. to be popularity
 - b. to been popular
 - c. to be popular
 - d. too be popular
- 10) The daily amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has gone down _____
 - a. by 12 per cent
 - b. by 22 per cent
 - c. by 200 per cent
 - d. by 20 per cent

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The new facial recognition scanners have (7) _____. They have become a tourist attraction. Visitors are now coming (8) _____ out the machines. Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have (9) _____ social media sites. Staff are available to help people with problems using the machines or for people (10) _____ more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be popular. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: "This is a really good idea. I recommend that (11) _____ in toilets nationwide." The trial appears to be successful so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has (12) _____ 20 per cent.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

1. Which Chinese city is trialling the facial recognition scanner?
2. How many scanners has a park installed?
3. How long is the piece of toilet paper the machine gives out?
4. How long do visitors have to wait before they get extra toilet paper?
5. What did the park put up to ask visitors to use less toilet paper?
6. What have the scanners surprisingly become?
7. What has happened to online videos of the scanners on social media?
8. Who will help people who urgently need toilet paper?
9. Where did a social media user suggest the machines be used?
10. By how much has the use of toilet paper gone down in the park?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

- 1) Which Chinese city is trialling the facial recognition scanner?
 - a) Nanjing
 - b) Beijing
 - c) Shanghai
 - d) Chengdu
- 2) How many scanners has a park installed?
 - a) 12
 - b) 10
 - c) 8
 - d) 6
- 3) How long is the piece of toilet paper the machine gives out?
 - a) 60cm
 - b) 50cm
 - c) 40cm
 - d) 30cm
- 4) How long do visitors have to wait before they get extra toilet paper?
 - a) 9 hours
 - b) 90 minutes
 - c) 9 minutes
 - d) 19 minutes
- 5) What did the park put up to ask visitors to use less toilet paper?
 - a) signs
 - b) posters
 - c) toilet roll holders
 - d) balloons
- 6) What have the scanners surprisingly become?
 - a) tourist attractions
 - b) TVs
 - c) homes for bees
 - d) rusty
- 7) What has happened to online videos of the scanners on social media?
 - a) they disappeared
 - b) they've been scanned
 - c) they've gone viral
 - d) they were banned
- 8) Who will help people who urgently need toilet paper?
 - a) park staff
 - b) the scanner company
 - c) park visitors
 - d) no one
- 9) Where did a social media user suggest the machines be used?
 - a) nationwide
 - b) in airports
 - c) worldwide
 - d) in restaurants
- 10) By how much has the use of toilet paper gone down in the park?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 22%
 - c) 12%
 - d) 25%

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Toilet Paper

You think toilet paper is the thing it's most OK to take from public places. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they should never take their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst thing of these to take (and why): ketchup, newspapers or straws.

Role B – Ketchup

You think ketchup is the thing it's most OK to take from public places. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they should never take their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst thing of these to take (and why): toilet paper, newspapers or straws.

Role C – Newspapers

You think newspapers is the thing it's most OK to take from public places. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they should never take their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst thing of these to take (and why): ketchup, toilet paper or straws.

Role D – Straws

You think straws is the thing it's most OK to take from public places. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they should never take their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst thing of these to take (and why): ketchup, newspapers or toilet paper.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'toilet' and 'paper'.

toilet	paper
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• save• face• nine• problem• bags• messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• surprise• tourist• viral• urgently• rolled• 20
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TOILET PAPER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about toilet paper 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.

TOILET PAPER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'toilet'?
3. What do you think about facial recognition technology?
4. Is controlling toilet paper a good use of facial recognition?
5. Why do people steal toilet paper?
6. Why do you think officials decided on a nine-minute wait?
7. Do you take anything from public places or restaurants?
8. How important is toilet paper?
9. What harm does toilet paper do to the environment?
10. What could we use instead of toilet paper?

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TOILET PAPER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'paper'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What things could facial recognition technology be useful for?
15. Is facial recognition or fingerprint recognition best?
16. Would you go to see a facial recognition toilet paper machine?
17. What other technology could be put in toilets?
18. How else could the park stop the toilet paper thieves?
19. Do you think the scanners will stop the toilet paper thieves?
20. What questions would you like to ask the park officials?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The new facial recognition scanners have brought a surprise. They have become a (7) _____ attraction. Visitors are now coming to look at and try (8) _____ the machines. Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone (9) _____ on social media sites. Staff are available to help people with problems using the machines or for people who (10) _____ need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be popular. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: "This is a really good idea. I recommend that it (11) _____ rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial appears to be successful so far. The (12) _____ amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has gone down by 20 per cent.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) saving | (b) save | (c) saves | (d) saved |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) as | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) provide | (b) provision | (c) provides | (d) providing |
| 4. | (a) sameness | (b) same | (c) similar | (d) samey |
| 5. | (a) this | (b) it | (c) them | (d) those |
| 6. | (a) fewer | (b) small | (c) less | (d) own |
| 7. | (a) tours | (b) touristic | (c) tourism | (d) tourists |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out | (d) down |
| 9. | (a) virally | (b) virulent | (c) virus | (d) viral |
| 10. | (a) urgently | (b) urgent | (c) urgency | (d) emergent |
| 11. | (a) be | (b) have | (c) do | (d) wipe |
| 12. | (a) day | (b) days | (c) daily | (d) date |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. etnervp thieves from stealing it
2. Inaetlisd six facial recognition scanners
3. The nhesicma will scan someone's face
4. iginpdrov him or her with 60 cm of toilet paper.
5. A park ossmpeank said...
6. broadcast sasmesge over loudspeakers

Paragraph 2

7. brought a isuepsrr
8. become a tourist niarotatct
9. gone aivlr on social media sites
10. people who ytrulnge need more
11. The scanners seem to be ulprpoa
12. The daily mnouta of toilet paper

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () over loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.
- () people with problems using the machines or for people who urgently need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to
- () idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial appears
- () attraction. Visitors are now coming to look at and try out the machines. Videos of people pulling
- () strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone viral on social media sites. Staff are available to help
- () scan someone's face before providing him or her with 60 cm of toilet paper. That same person will then have to wait
- (**1**) A park in Beijing, China has started a trial to try and save toilet paper and prevent thieves from stealing
- () be popular. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: This is a really good
- () bags with it. The park had put up posters and broadcast messages
- () to be successful so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has gone down by 20 per cent.
- () too much toilet paper. He said some people came and filled their
- () it. Park officials have installed six facial recognition scanners at the city's Temple of Heaven Park. The machines will
- () for nine minutes if they want extra paper. A park spokesman said there was a problem of visitors to the toilets taking
- () The new facial recognition scanners have brought a surprise. They have become a tourist

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

1. stealing and it prevent Save thieves toilet from paper .
2. officials Park scanners recognition facial six installed have .
3. machines The face someone's scan will .
4. extra minutes paper if Wait they for want nine .
5. loudspeaker asking visitors to use less Messages over .
6. scanners The have new brought facial a recognition surprise .
7. problems with people help to available are Staff .
8. urgently who people For paper toilet more need .
9. I it out nationwide that rolled toilets recommend be in .
10. successful be to appears trial The far so .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

A park in Beijing, China has started a *trial / trail* to try and save toilet paper and prevent thieves from stealing *it / them*. Park officials have installed six facial recognition scanners *to / at* the city's Temple of Heaven Park. The machines will scan someone's face before *provision / providing* him or her with 60 cm of toilet paper. That *same / similar* person will then have to *waiting / wait* for nine minutes if they want extra paper. A park spokesman said there was a problem *of / by* visitors to the toilets taking too much toilet paper. He said some people came and *filled / filling* their bags with it. The park had put up *poster / posters* and broadcast messages over loudspeakers asking visitors to use *less / fewer* toilet paper.

The new facial recognition scanners have brought *a / the* surprise. They have become a tourist *attraction / attractive*. Visitors are now coming *for / to* look at and try *out / in* the machines. Videos of people pulling strips of toilet paper from the machines have gone *viral / virus* on social media sites. Staff are available to help people with problems *used / using* the machines or for people who *urgent / urgently* need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be *popular / popularity*. A user on the Chinese social media site Weibo commented: "This is a *really / reality* good idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial appears to be successful so far. The *day / daily* amount of toilet paper used in the park's toilets has gone down by 20 per cent.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition.html>

_ p_rk _ n B__j_ng, Ch_n_ h_s st_rt_d _ tr__l t_ try
_nd s_v_ t__l_t p_p_r _nd pr_v_nt th__v_s fr_m
st__l_ng _t. P_rk _ff_c__ls h_v_ _nst ll_d s_x f_c__l
r_c_gn_t__n sc_nn_rs _t th_ c_ty's T_mpl_ _f H__v_n
P_rk. Th_ m_ch_n_s w_ll sc_n s_m__n_'s f_c_ b_f_r_
pr_v_d_ng h_m _r h_r w_th 60 cm _f t__l_t p_p_r. Th_t
s_m_ p_rs_n w_ll th_n h_v_ t_ w__t f_r n_n_ m_n_t_s
_f th_y w_nt _xtr_ p_p_r. _ p_rk sp_k sm_n s__d th_r_
w_s _ pr_bl_m _f v_s_t_rs t_ th_ t__l_ts t_k_ng t__
m_ch t__l_t p_p_r. H_ s__d s_m_ p__pl_ c_m_ _nd
f_ll_d th__r b_gs w_th _t. Th_ p_rk h_d p_t _p p_st_rs
_nd br__dc_st m_ss_g_s _v_r l__dsp__k_rs _sk_ng
v_s_t_rs t_ _s_ l_ss t__l_t p_p_r.

Th_ n_w f_c__l r_c_gn_t__n sc_nn_rs h_v_ br__ght _
s_rpr_s_. Th_y h_v_ b_c_m_ _ t__r_st _ttr_ct__n.
V_s_t_rs _r_n_w c_m_ng t_ l__k _t _nd try __t th_
m_ch_n_s. V_d__s _f p__pl_ p_ll_ng str_ps _f t__l_t
p_p_r fr_m th_ m_ch_n_s h_v_ g_n_ v_r_l _n s_c__l
m_d__s_t_s. St_ff _r_ _v__l bl_ t_ h_lp p__pl_ w_th
pr_bl_ms _s_ng th_ m_ch_n_s _r f_r p__pl_ wh_
_rg_ntly n__d m_r_ t__l_t p_p_r. Th_ sc_nn_rs s__m t_
b_ p_p_l_r. _ _s_r_n th_ Ch_n_s_ s_c__l m_d__s_t_
W__b_ c_m_m_t_d: "Th_s _s_ r__lly g__d _d__.
r_c_m_m_d th_t _t b_ r_ll_d __t _n t__l_ts
n_t__nw_d_." Th_ tr__l _pp__rs t_ b_ s_cc_ssf_l s_
f_r. Th_ d__ly _m__nt _f t__l_t p_p_r _s_d _n th_
p_rk's t__l_ts h_s g_n_ d_wn by 20 p_r_c_nt.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **toilet paper** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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We need to find an alternative to toilet paper to save trees. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FACIAL RECOGNITION: Make a poster about facial recognition. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ALTERNATIVE: Write a magazine article about the damage that does to the environment. Write about the need to find a replacement that does not mean trees are cut down. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on toilet paper. Ask him/her three questions about facial recognition. Give him/her three of your ideas on how it can help us. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. trial | a. test |
| 2. prevent | b. stop |
| 3. providing | c. giving |
| 4. extra | d. more |
| 5. filled | e. loaded |
| 6. strips | f. pieces |
| 7. urgently | g. seriously |
| 8. recommend | h. suggest |
| 9. appears | i. seems |
| 10. gone down | j. decreased |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Beijing
2. Six
3. 60cm
4. Nine minutes
5. Posters
6. Tourist attractions
7. They've gone viral
8. Park staff
9. Nationwide
10. 20%

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)