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Level 4

Light pollution is taking away night's darkness

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Bright light from cities around the world is reducing the darkness of night. Years ago, when night-time fell, the dark arrived. Not today. A new study says artificial light at night grew in most countries by 2.2 per cent a year between 2012 and 2016. This is causing us many problems. The International Dark-Sky Association says it, "is not only [reducing] our view of the universe, it is [badly] affecting our environment, our safety, energy consumption and health".

Artificial light is a threat to our natural environment. A scientist called it a "pollutant that threatens nocturnal animals and affects plants and microorganisms". It is affecting bacteria, mammals, and humans. It is reshaping "entire social ecological systems". Environmentalists thought LED lights would help. However, cities are using more of these because they are cheaper. This is adding to the light pollution. Night-time light decreased in 16 countries.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/science/2017/11/22/farewell-night-light-pollution-reducing-darkness-worldwide/888786001/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. reducing the darkness | a. us many problems |
| 2. when night-time | b. of night |
| 3. artificial | c. our environment |
| 4. grew in most countries | d. fell |
| 5. This is causing | e. light at night |
| 6. our view of the | f. and health |
| 7. it is badly affecting | g. by 2.2 per cent |
| 8. energy consumption | h. universe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. a threat to our natural | a. light pollution |
| 2. nocturnal | b. systems |
| 3. mammals, | c. in 16 countries |
| 4. ecological | d. animals |
| 5. Environmentalists thought LED lights | e. of these |
| 6. cities are using more | f. environment |
| 7. This is adding to the | g. would help |
| 8. Night-time light decreased | h. and humans |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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darkness of night. Years ago, when night-time fell,

(2) _____. Not today. A new study says artificial light

(3) _____ in most countries by 2.2 per cent a year

between 2012 and 2016. (4) _____ us many problems.

The International Dark-Sky Association says it, "is not only [reducing]

(5) _____ the universe, it (6) _____ our

environment, our safety, energy consumption and health".

Artificial light is (7) _____ our natural environment. A

scientist called it a "pollutant that threatens (8) _____ and

affects plants and microorganisms". (9) _____ bacteria,

mammals, and humans. (10) _____ "entire social

ecological systems". Environmentalists (11) _____ would

help. However, cities are using more of these because they are cheaper. This

is (12) _____ light pollution. Night-time light decreased in

16 countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LIGHT POLLUTION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about light pollution 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) _____

