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Level 5 – 3rd August, 2019

Ethiopia plants 350 million trees in 12 hours

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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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Ethiopia broke the world record for the most trees planted in one day, while also making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours on Monday. This smashed the record held by India by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's government announced the record-breaking feat on Twitter. It proudly revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Ethiopia's Prime Minister, who participated in the tree planting, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit to help the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a strategy to plant 4 billion trees by October. The country is on its way to achieve this. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is trying to reverse the cutting down of its forests. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and help to tackle global warming.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethiopia-plants-350-million-trees-12-hours-breaking-world-record-2019-07-30/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia broke | a. feat |
| 2. making the world | b. involved |
| 3. This smashed the | c. revealed that |
| 4. the record-breaking | d. to help the planet |
| 5. It proudly | e. a little greener |
| 6. in a bid to help | f. record held by India |
| 7. congratulated everyone | g. the world record |
| 8. doing their bit | h. the environment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia's record-breaking | a. carbon dioxide |
| 2. part of a strategy | b. down of its forests |
| 3. The country is on its | c. achievement |
| 4. reverse the cutting | d. global warming |
| 5. a sharp | e. effective way |
| 6. the cheapest and most | f. way to achieve this |
| 7. absorb | g. decline |
| 8. help to tackle | h. to plant 4 billion trees |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ethiopia broke the world record for (1) _____ planted in one day, while also making the world (2) _____. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours on Monday. This smashed the (3) _____ India by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's government announced the record-(4) _____ Twitter. It proudly revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Ethiopia's Prime Minister, (5) _____ the tree planting, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their (6) _____ the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part (7) _____ to plant 4 billion trees by October. The country is on its (8) _____ this. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is (9) _____ the cutting down of its forests. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a (10) _____ the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and (11) _____ to absorb carbon dioxide and (12) _____ global warming.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PLANTING TREES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about planting trees 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) _____

