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**Level 4** – 22nd January, 2020

## China plans to reduce single-use plastics

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200122-single-use-plastics-4.html>

China has big plans to reduce single-use plastics by 2025. It is fast-tracking measures to cut the production and use of plastics in the next five years. By the end of 2020, non-biodegradable plastic bags will be banned in major cities. Food delivery and takeaway services, which use a lot of plastic, will stop using single-use plastic straws and cutlery. These will be banned nationwide. They will use alternative things, like biodegradable shopping bags.

Single-use plastics are a big source of pollution. They are a part of our daily life and throwaway culture. China wants to reduce overconsumption to reverse our use of plastics. Previous regulations on plastic use, in 2008, cut the production of 67 billion bags. The United Nations said all countries needed similar policies. It said the world cannot cope with the amount of plastic waste we generate, We must rethink how we manufacture, use and manage plastics.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3046760/china-unveils-plan-reduce-single-use-plastic-2025>  
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<https://www.motherjones.com/environment/2020/01/china-plastics-ban-straws-bags/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200122-single-use-plastics-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. China has big plans to reduce | a. takeaway services   |
| 2. It is fast-                   | b. bags                |
| 3. non-                          | c. cutlery             |
| 4. banned in                     | d. nationwide          |
| 5. Food delivery and             | e. single-use plastics |
| 6. single-use plastic straws and | f. major cities        |
| 7. These will be banned          | g. tracking measures   |
| 8. biodegradable shopping        | h. biodegradable       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Single-use plastics are a big  | a. we manufacture      |
| 2. throwaway                      | b. on plastic use      |
| 3. reverse our use                | c. plastics            |
| 4. Previous regulations           | d. cannot cope         |
| 5. the world                      | e. culture             |
| 6. the amount of plastic waste we | f. of plastics         |
| 7. We must rethink how            | g. source of pollution |
| 8. use and manage                 | h. generate            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has big (1) \_\_\_\_\_ single-use plastics by 2025. It is fast-tracking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the production and use of plastics in the next five years. By the end of 2020, non-biodegradable plastic bags will be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cities. Food delivery (4) \_\_\_\_\_, which use a lot of plastic, will stop using single-use plastic straws and cutlery. These (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nationwide. They will use (6) \_\_\_\_\_ biodegradable shopping bags. Single-use plastics are a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution. They are a part of our daily life (8) \_\_\_\_\_. China wants to reduce overconsumption to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of plastics. Previous regulations on plastic use, in 2008, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of 67 billion bags. The United Nations said all countries needed similar policies. It said the world (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of plastic waste we generate, We must rethink how we manufacture, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ plastics.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SINGLE-USE PLASTICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200122-single-use-plastics-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about single-use plastics 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) \_\_\_\_\_

