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**Level 2** – 17th November, 2020

## Asian nations form world's biggest free trade deal

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Fifteen Asian-Pacific countries have signed the world's biggest free trade deal. It is called the RCEP. The countries include 10 from Southeast Asia, plus China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries make up 30 per cent of the world economy. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012. Governments have been talking since then. China pushed the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic. An economics expert said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade matters." Governments want to have economic growth.

Government leaders believe the free trade deal will help the Asia-Pacific region. China said: "The fact the RCEP has been signed after eight years of talks brings...hope amid the clouds." It added: "Multi-lateralism is the right way, and represents the right direction of the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea said the RCEP, "represents an important step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a diverse mix of developed, developing and least developed economies".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Fifteen Asian-Pacific countries have | a. expert              |
| 2. The countries include 10             | b. signed              |
| 3. make up 30 per cent of               | c. economic growth     |
| 4. Governments have been talking        | d. the world economy   |
| 5. during the coronavirus               | e. why trade matters   |
| 6. An economics                         | f. since then          |
| 7. reminded the region of               | g. pandemic            |
| 8. Governments want to have             | h. from Southeast Asia |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. leaders believe the free trade deal | a. right way      |
| 2. signed after eight                  | b. mix            |
| 3. Multi-lateralism is the             | c. progress       |
| 4. humanity's                          | d. economies      |
| 5. an important step                   | e. will help      |
| 6. global trade                        | f. forward        |
| 7. the deal included a diverse         | g. years of talks |
| 8. developing and least developed      | h. and investment |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Government (7) \_\_\_\_\_ free trade deal will help the Asia-Pacific region. China said: "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ RCEP has been signed after eight years of talks brings... (9) \_\_\_\_\_ clouds." It added: "Multi-lateralism is the right way, and represents (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea said the RCEP, "represents (11) \_\_\_\_\_ forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a diverse mix of developed, developing (12) \_\_\_\_\_ economies".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TRADE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about trade 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) \_\_\_\_\_

