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## Google Maps now lets you find fresh air

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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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Google Maps has a wealth of useful features. Besides showing our location, it plans routes and provides real-time directions. It also gives traffic information, restaurant reviews, and lots more. Google has just unveiled its latest tool. Users can now click on its Air Quality Index (AQI) before going on a picnic, camping trip or hike. Google's blog stated: "When you're visiting a new place or planning outdoor activities, it can be helpful to know the air quality conditions - like whether it's unusually smoggy." It added that its new AQI is, "a measure of how healthy (or unhealthy) the air is."

The new feature is a "layer" on Google Maps. Users tap on the same Layers icon as they do to select the satellite or street view modes. There will be an option to see air quality information. Google said: "We collaborate closely with partners in the weather and air quality space to [provide] helpful and authoritative information....We hope these tools help you feel safe and informed." The AQI will also provide updated information on the health impact of air quality. In addition, there is a "wildfires near me" feature to alert and advise people on the status of fires.

Sources: <https://blog.google/products/search/get-some-fresh-air-outdoors-with-google/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220613-google-maps-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. a wealth of useful | a. activities               |
| 2. it plans           | b. reviews                  |
| 3. real-              | c. unveiled its latest tool |
| 4. restaurant         | d. routes                   |
| 5. Google has just    | e. smoggy                   |
| 6. before going       | f. features                 |
| 7. planning outdoor   | g. on a picnic              |
| 8. unusually          | h. time directions          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The new feature is a "layer"      | a. safe and informed   |
| 2. select the satellite or           | b. feature             |
| 3. We collaborate closely            | c. information         |
| 4. these tools help you feel         | d. on Google Maps      |
| 5. The AQI will also provide updated | e. the status of fires |
| 6. the health impact                 | f. with partners       |
| 7. a "wildfires near me"             | g. street view modes   |
| 8. advise people on                  | h. of air quality      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google Maps has a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ features. Besides showing our location, it plans (2) \_\_\_\_\_ real-time directions. It also gives traffic information, restaurant reviews, and lots more. Google has just (3) \_\_\_\_\_ tool. Users can now click on its Air Quality Index (AQI) before going on a picnic, camping (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Google's blog stated: "When you're visiting a new place or planning outdoor activities, it can be helpful to know the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ - like whether it's unusually smoggy." It added that its new AQI is, "a measure of how (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the air is."

The new feature is a "layer" on Google Maps. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the same Layers icon as they do to select the satellite or street view modes. There will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to see air quality information. Google said: "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ with partners in the weather and air quality space to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ authoritative information....We hope these tools help you feel safe and informed." The AQI will also provide updated information on the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ air quality. In addition, there is a "wildfires near me" feature to alert and advise people on the (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GOOGLE MAPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220613-google-maps-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Google Maps 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) \_\_\_\_\_

