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Level 2 – 30th June, 2022

People in Tokyo asked to turn off lights in heat wave

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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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Japan is having record heat. Last week, the temperature near Tokyo went over 40°C for the first time in June. It was 40.2 degrees Celsius in a city north of Tokyo. The hotter weather means people are using air conditioners more. This is making it difficult for power companies to produce enough electricity. Japan's government has asked people to use less electricity. A spokesman said: "We ask the public to reduce energy consumption during the early evening hours." He wants people to turn off lights from 3 pm to 6 pm and use air conditioners less.

Japan's heat wave will continue. The country's rainy season finished the earliest since records began in 1851. This means there'll be a long, hot summer. The government said: "We have unusual heat for the season. Please cooperate and save as much power as possible." Tokyo's power company warned there was a risk of power shortages and blackouts. There is also a risk of people getting heatstroke. More than 250 people were taken to hospital in Tokyo over the weekend with heatstroke. The government is advising people to drink water and not exercise outside.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/27/japanese-told-to-turn-off-lights-to-save-energy-amid-tokyo-heatwave>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Japan is having record | a. consumption |
| 2. the temperature near Tokyo | b. degrees Celsius |
| 3. It was 40.2 | c. evening hours |
| 4. people are using air conditioners | d. to turn off lights |
| 5. produce enough | e. heat |
| 6. during the early | f. electricity |
| 7. reduce energy | g. went over 40°C |
| 8. He wants people | h. more |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Japan's heat wave | a. records began |
| 2. rainy | b. heatstroke |
| 3. the earliest since | c. as possible |
| 4. there'll be a long, | d. season finished |
| 5. save as much power | e. of power shortages |
| 6. there was a risk | f. will continue |
| 7. a risk of people getting | g. drink water |
| 8. advising people to | h. hot summer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan (1) _____ heat. Last week, the temperature near Tokyo went over 40°C for (2) _____ in June. It was 40.2 degrees Celsius in a city north of Tokyo. The hotter weather (3) _____ using air conditioners more. This is making it difficult for power companies to produce enough electricity. Japan's government has asked people (4) _____ electricity. A spokesman said: "We ask the public to reduce energy consumption during the (5) _____." He wants people to turn off lights from 3 pm to 6 pm (6) _____ conditioners less.

Japan's heat (7) _____. The country's rainy season finished the earliest since records began in 1851. This means there'll be a (8) _____. The government said: "We have unusual heat for the season. Please cooperate and save as much (9) _____." Tokyo's power company warned there was a risk (10) _____ and blackouts. There is also a risk of people getting heatstroke. More than 250 people were (11) _____ in Tokyo over the weekend with heatstroke. The government is advising (12) _____ water and not exercise outside.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ENERGY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about energy 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) _____

