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Level 0 – 25th August, 2022

'Poo-nami' of raw sewage hits English beaches

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Water companies in the UK pumped raw sewage into the sea. The UK told people not to go swimming or surfing. People could get diseases if they went into the water. Water companies said people should keep their mouth closed in the sea. A woman said: "It's filthy...and it stinks." She called it a "poonami".

People are angry with the water companies. The bosses get million-dollar bonuses for polluting the sea. England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe. Now they are the dirtiest. A woman said clean water was a human right. She said CEOs cared more about bonuses than about clean water or the environment.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Water companies | a. to go |
| 2. The UK told people not | b. it stinks |
| 3. swimming or | c. the water |
| 4. People could get | d. "poonami" |
| 5. if they went into | e. surfing |
| 6. keep their mouth closed | f. in the UK |
| 7. It's filthy and | g. diseases |
| 8. She called it a | h. in the sea |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People are angry with the water | a. the sea |
| 2. get million-dollar | b. about bonuses |
| 3. polluting | c. cleanest in Europe |
| 4. Now they are the | d. environment |
| 5. beaches were among the | e. right |
| 6. clean water was a human | f. companies |
| 7. CEOs cared more | g. dirtiest |
| 8. clean water or the | h. bonuses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Water (1) _____ UK pumped raw sewage into the sea. The UK told people (2) _____ swimming or surfing. People (3) _____ if they went into the water. Water companies (4) _____ keep their mouth (5) _____ sea. A woman said: "It's filthy... (6) _____." She called it a "poonami".

People (7) _____ the water companies. The bosses (8) _____ bonuses for polluting the sea. England's beaches were (9) _____ in Europe. Now they (10) _____. A woman said clean water was (11) _____. She said CEOs cared more about (12) _____ clean water or the environment.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SEWAGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about sewage 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) _____

