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Level 2 – 25th August, 2022

'Poo-nami' of raw sewage hits English beaches

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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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Beaches in England closed because water companies put raw sewage into the sea. The UK warned holidaymakers to avoid dozens of beaches. Some of the beaches were popular with tourists, surfers and swimmers. People risked getting diseases if they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their mouth closed in the sea. A resident near a beach said she saw things she didn't want to see floating in the water. She said: "It's filthy...and it stinks." She added the sewage was easy to see and smell. She called it a "phoonami".

People in England are angry with the water companies. England sold its water to private companies. The CEOs are getting million-dollar bonuses while dangerous raw sewage is polluting the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas for more than nine million hours since 2016. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are among the dirtiest. One woman said clean water was a human right and not for profits. She said water company CEOs cared more about their bonuses than the environment.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The UK warned | a. their mouth closed |
| 2. the beaches were | b. stinks |
| 3. People risked getting | c. popular with tourists |
| 4. companies advised people to keep | d. see and smell |
| 5. A resident near a | e. diseases |
| 6. floating in the | f. beach |
| 7. It's filthy and it | g. holidaymakers |
| 8. the sewage was easy to | h. water |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. People in England are angry with | a. cleanest in Europe |
| 2. England sold its water to private | b. environment |
| 3. The CEOs are getting million- | c. about their bonuses |
| 4. raw sewage is polluting the | d. companies |
| 5. for more than nine million | e. a human right |
| 6. England's beaches were among the | f. the water companies |
| 7. clean water was | g. hours since 2016 |
| 8. CEOs cared more | h. dollar bonuses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Beaches in England (1) _____ companies put raw sewage into the sea. The UK warned holidaymakers (2) _____ of beaches. Some of the beaches were popular with tourists, surfers and swimmers. People (3) _____ if they went into the water. Water companies advised people to keep their (4) _____ the sea. A resident near a beach said she saw things she didn't want to (5) _____ the water. She said: "It's filthy...and it stinks." She added the (6) _____ to see and smell. She called it a "poonami".

People in England (7) _____ the water companies. England sold its water to private companies. The CEOs are getting million-dollar bonuses while dangerous raw (8) _____ the environment. Water companies have pumped raw sewage into Britain's seas for more than (9) _____ since 2016. In 2016, the European Union said England's beaches were among the cleanest in Europe; now they are (10) _____. One woman said clean water was a human right and (11) _____. She said water company CEOs cared more about (12) _____ 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) _____

