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Panasonic China staff to get "pollution pay"

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140316-pollution-pay-1.html>

Panasonic will pay its Japanese staff in China "pollution pay". This is because of China's poor air quality. No one knows who will get the extra money, or how much it is. Panasonic had no plans to give the payment to Chinese staff. Workers who work in other countries get extra pay for phone calls, restaurants or furniture. Panasonic is the first company to give extra money because of pollution. Other companies in China might now copy Panasonic.

Pollution is a big problem in China. The WHO said it was 15 times higher than healthy levels. China said it is fighting a "war on pollution". Air quality in China was below healthy levels in almost every major city last year. There are a few reasons why it has become so bad. China's economic success means there are thousands more factories. China uses coal for most of its energy. In addition, there are thousands more cars on China's roads.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-26555874>
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2014/03/13/business/panasonic-china-staff-get-pay-for-pollution/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. pay its Japanese | a. the extra money |
| 2. his is because of China's | b. no plans |
| 3. No one knows who will get | c. poor air quality |
| 4. Panasonic had | d. calls |
| 5. give the payment | e. staff in China |
| 6. extra pay for phone | f. now copy Panasonic |
| 7. Panasonic is the first company to | g. to Chinese staff |
| 8. Other companies in China might | h. give extra money |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Pollution is a big | a. quality |
| 2. 15 times | b. every major city |
| 3. healthy | c. success |
| 4. it is fighting | d. higher |
| 5. Air | e. problem in China |
| 6. in almost | f. most of its energy |
| 7. economic | g. levels |
| 8. China uses coal for | h. a "war on pollution" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Panasonic (1) _____ Japanese staff in China "pollution pay". (2) _____ China's poor air quality. No one knows who will get the extra money, or how much it is. Panasonic (3) _____ give the payment to Chinese staff. Workers (4) _____ countries get extra pay for phone calls, restaurants or furniture. Panasonic (5) _____ to give extra money because of pollution. Other companies in (6) _____ Panasonic.

Pollution (7) _____ China. The WHO said it was 15 times higher (8) _____. China said it is fighting a "war on pollution". Air quality in China was below healthy levels (9) _____ major city last year. There are a few reasons (10) _____ so bad. China's economic (11) _____ are thousands more factories. China uses coal for most of its energy. In addition, there are thousands (12) _____ China's roads.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
