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Level 1

Face recognition scanner to stop toilet paper thieves

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A Beijing park started a trial using facial recognition scanners to save toilet paper and stop thieves from stealing it. They will scan people's face and give them 60 cm of toilet paper. People will have to wait for nine minutes if they want extra paper. There was a problem of park visitors taking too much toilet paper. Some people filled their bags with it. The park put up posters and put messages over loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.

The scanners have brought a surprise. They are now a tourist attraction. Visitors are coming to try them out. Videos of people using them have gone viral on social media. Staff help people with problems with the machines and those who need more toilet paper. The scanners are popular. A social media user said: "This is a really good idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The amount of toilet paper used has gone down by 20%.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-39324431>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. A Beijing park started a | a. up posters |
| 2. using facial recognition scanners to | b. want extra paper |
| 3. stop | c. trial |
| 4. wait for nine minutes if they | d. less toilet paper |
| 5. Some people filled their | e. loudspeakers |
| 6. The park put | f. thieves |
| 7. put messages over | g. bags with it |
| 8. asking visitors to use | h. save toilet paper |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. The scanners have | a. viral on social media |
| 2. They are now a tourist | b. try them out |
| 3. Visitors are coming to | c. popular |
| 4. Videos of people using them have gone | d. gone down by 20% |
| 5. help people | e. brought a surprise |
| 6. The scanners are | f. good idea |
| 7. This is a really | g. attraction |
| 8. The amount of toilet paper used has | h. with problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Beijing park (1) _____ using facial recognition scanners (2) _____ paper and stop thieves from stealing it. They will scan people's (3) _____ them 60 cm of toilet paper. People will have to wait for nine minutes if (4) _____ paper. There was a problem of park visitors taking too much toilet paper. Some people filled their (5) _____. The park put up posters and put (6) _____ loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.

The scanners have (7) _____. They are now a tourist attraction. Visitors are coming (8) _____. Videos of people using them have (9) _____ social media. Staff help people with problems with the machines (10) _____ need more toilet paper. The scanners are popular. A social media user said: "(11) _____ good idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." (12) _____ toilet paper used has gone down by 20%.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOILET PAPER SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about toilet paper 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) _____

