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Level 0 – 10th August 2023

Raw sewage keeps swimmers away from UK beaches

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230810-uk-raw-sewage-crisis-0.html>

There is a sewage crisis in the UK. Water companies are pouring too much toilet waste into rivers and seas. Swimmers are getting sick in the sea. People hate the terrible smell on beaches and the brown sea water. A quarter of swimmers might not swim in the sea. Last week, 57 people got diarrhoea after swimming in a triathlon.

England and Wales are the only countries with privatized water. They sold their water to private companies in 1987. The companies promised to make services better. However, they did not spend enough money. There are still many leaks. The companies have not modernized systems. A campaigner blamed the UK government.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/jul/31/swimmers-avoiding-the-water-over-fears-of-raw-sewage-on-uk-beaches>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. There is a sewage crisis | a. of swimmers |
| 2. pouring too much toilet | b. smell |
| 3. People hate the terrible | c. sea water |
| 4. the brown | d. diarrhoea |
| 5. A quarter | e. waste into rivers |
| 6. swim in the | f. triathlon |
| 7. 57 people got | g. in the UK |
| 8. swimming in a | h. sea |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the only countries | a. modernized |
| 2. They sold | b. companies |
| 3. private | c. enough money |
| 4. The companies promised to | d. the UK government |
| 5. they did not spend | e. with privatized water |
| 6. There are still many | f. their water |
| 7. The companies have not | g. leaks |
| 8. A campaigner blamed | h. make services better |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2308/230810-uk-raw-sewage-crisis-0.html>

There is a sewage (1) _____ UK. Water companies (2) _____ much toilet waste into rivers and seas. Swimmers are (3) _____ the sea. People hate the terrible (4) _____ and the brown sea water. A quarter of swimmers (5) _____ in the sea. Last week, 57 people got diarrhoea (6) _____ a triathlon.

England and Wales are (7) _____ with privatized water. They (8) _____ to private companies in 1987. The companies (9) _____ services better. However, they did (10) _____ money. There are (11) _____. The companies have not modernized systems. A campaigner (12) _____ government.

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) _____

