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Level 0 – 24th August 2023

Japan releases Fukushima water into the ocean

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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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Japan is putting water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. A 2011 earthquake and tsunami damaged the plant. Japan said the water is safe and would not harm the environment. The International Atomic Energy Agency said the water meets international safety standards.

Japan's neighbours are angry. China has banned seafood from Fukushima. China says releasing the water is wrong. It said Japan is only thinking about itself and not the world. Hong Kong is worried about food safety. It will stop buying some Japanese food. However, South Korea said the water meets international standards.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. the Fukushima nuclear power | a. safe |
| 2. into the | b. plant |
| 3. A 2011 earthquake | c. standards |
| 4. damaged the | d. environment |
| 5. the water is | e. plant |
| 6. harm the | f. Energy Agency |
| 7. The International Atomic | g. ocean |
| 8. international safety | h. and tsunami |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Japan's neighbours | a. water is wrong |
| 2. China has banned | b. Japanese food |
| 3. China says releasing the | c. worried |
| 4. Japan is only thinking | d. standards |
| 5. Hong Kong is | e. are angry |
| 6. food | f. about itself |
| 7. It will stop buying some | g. seafood |
| 8. the water meets international | h. safety |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan (1) _____ from the Fukushima nuclear power plant (2) _____. A 2011 earthquake and tsunami (3) _____. Japan said the (4) _____ and would not (5) _____. The International Atomic Energy Agency said (6) _____ international safety standards.

Japan's neighbours are angry. China (7) _____ from Fukushima. China says releasing the (8) _____. It said Japan (9) _____ about itself and (10) _____. Hong Kong is worried about food safety. It will (11) _____ Japanese food. However, South Korea said (12) _____ international standards.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OCEANS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about oceans 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) _____

