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Level 0

Farmers help ease water problems in California

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150525-water.html>

California has a very bad drought. Water is at very low levels.

The government has tried to stop water running out. Farmers will now help. They will try to use 25 per cent less water.

California's leader cut water use in cities by 25 per cent. City people were angry. They wanted farmers and other people to use less water too.

Over 30 million people need water in California. The California water system is the biggest in the world. It has many problems. Too many people want water. Farmers need it to grow food. City people need it to live. Golf course owners and people with swimming pools also use too much water.

California's population will soon be 50 million.

Sources: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/water-and-drought/article21701118.html#storylink=cpy>
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-water-rights-20150522-story.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_in_California

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. California has a very | a. leader |
| 2. Water is at very low | b. water running out |
| 3. The government has tried to stop | c. water |
| 4. They will try to use 25 per cent | d. bad drought |
| 5. California's | e. in cities |
| 6. cut water use | f. levels |
| 7. farmers and | g. less water |
| 8. use less | h. other people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Over 30 | a. problems |
| 2. The California water | b. much water |
| 3. the biggest | c. swimming pools |
| 4. It has many | d. be 50 million |
| 5. Farmers need it to grow | e. in the world |
| 6. people with | f. million people |
| 7. use too | g. food |
| 8. California's population will soon | h. system |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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California has a (1) _____. Water is at very low levels. The government (2) _____ water running out. Farmers (3) _____. They will try to use 25 per (4) _____. California's leader cut water use in cities by 25 per cent. City (5) _____. They wanted farmers and other people (6) _____ too.

Over 30 million people (7) _____ California. The California water system (8) _____ the world. It has many problems. Too many (9) _____. Farmers (10) _____ food. City people need it to live. Golf course owners (11) _____ swimming pools also use too much water. California's population will soon (12) _____.

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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **water** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
