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Level 5

China ends one-child policy

1st November, 2015

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THE READING

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China has ended its decades-long one-child policy. The ruling party announced it would now allow all couples to have two children. The one-child policy was a population control measure that was introduced in 1979. Policy makers hoped to restrict the country's population to avoid high rates of poverty. It wasn't kept to strictly as there were many exceptions. Over a third of China's population had to follow the one-child restriction. Just over half was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl. The new two-child policy is to reverse China's low fertility rate.

The new two-child policy should give a huge economic boost for China and prevent China from becoming an ageing society. China's labour force peaked at 940 million in 2012. This fell to 930 million in 2014 and is expected to fall by 29 million by 2020. Predictions are that there will be an average of 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will provide more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion in annual consumption. Shares in many baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent on Friday. The new policy will affect around 100 million couples.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. ended its decades- | a. first child was a girl |
| 2. a population control | b. of poverty |
| 3. introduced in | c. China's population |
| 4. avoid high rates | d. fertility rate |
| 5. It wasn't kept | e. 1979 |
| 6. Over a third of | f. long one-child policy |
| 7. allowed to have a second child if the | g. to strictly |
| 8. reverse China's low | h. measure |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a huge economic | a. consumption |
| 2. prevent China from becoming | b. at 940 million |
| 3. China's labour force peaked | c. more workers |
| 4. 2.5 million extra | d. boost |
| 5. This will provide | e. \$11.8 billion |
| 6. an additional | f. an ageing society |
| 7. annual | g. 100 million couples |
| 8. The new policy will affect around | h. newborns per year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has ended (1) _____ one-child policy. The ruling party announced it would now (2) _____ to have two children. The one-child policy was a population (3) _____ was introduced in 1979. Policy makers hoped to restrict the country's population to avoid (4) _____ poverty. It wasn't kept to strictly as there were many exceptions. Over a third of China's population had to (5) _____-child restriction. Just over half was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl. The new two-child policy is to reverse China's (6) _____.

The new two-child policy (7) _____ huge economic boost for China and prevent China (8) _____ ageing society. China's labour (9) _____ 940 million in 2012. This fell to 930 million in 2014 (10) _____ to fall by 29 million by 2020. Predictions are that there will be an average of 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will provide more workers (11) _____ \$11.8 billion in annual consumption. Shares in many baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent on Friday. The new policy (12) _____ 100 million couples.

CHILDREN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about children 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)

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)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **children** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
