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## **Level 4**

### **Smartphone toilet paper at Japan airport**

**26th December, 2016**

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# THE READING

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Tokyo's Narita Airport is serious about toilet cleanliness. There is now "toilet paper" for smartphones in its toilets. Passengers can use the special paper to clean their phones. It is the idea of the Japanese phone company NTT. It paid for the paper to be put next to the regular toilet paper in toilets at the airport. Toilet seats are usually more hygienic than smartphones. There are five times more germs on a smartphone than on a toilet seat.

Japan is a world leader in high-tech toilet technology. Japanese homes have toilets with warm seats, automated bidets, and lids that automatically rise. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds that can hide embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT made a two-minute video to teach tourists how to use the smartphone toilet paper correctly. It also shows tourists how to use Japan's toilets so they "could enjoy their travel hygienically".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-38412707>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. serious about toilet           | a. more hygienic        |
| 2. Passengers can use the special | b. their phones         |
| 3. clean                          | c. cleanliness          |
| 4. the Japanese phone             | d. on a smartphone      |
| 5. put next to the                | e. paper                |
| 6. toilets at                     | f. company NTT          |
| 7. Toilet seats are usually       | g. regular toilet paper |
| 8. five times more germs          | h. the airport          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Japan is a world leader in high- | a. flushing sounds        |
| 2. Japanese homes have toilets      | b. rise                   |
| 3. lids that automatically          | c. to use Japan's toilets |
| 4. a gadget that produces loud      | d. minute video           |
| 5. hide embarrassing                | e. tech toilet technology |
| 6. a two-                           | f. correctly              |
| 7. use the smartphone toilet paper  | g. "toilet noises"        |
| 8. It also shows tourists how       | h. with warm seats        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tokyo's Narita Airport is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cleanliness. There is now "toilet paper" for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ toilets. Passengers can use the special paper to clean their phones. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese phone company NTT. It paid for the paper (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the regular toilet paper in toilets at the airport. Toilet (5) \_\_\_\_\_ more hygienic than smartphones. There (6) \_\_\_\_\_ germs on a smartphone than on a toilet seat. Japan (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in high-tech toilet technology. Japanese homes have toilets with warm seats, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, and lids that automatically rise. There is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that produces loud flushing sounds that can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "toilet noises". NTT made a two-minute video to teach tourists (11) \_\_\_\_\_ smartphone toilet paper correctly. It also shows tourists how to use Japan's toilets so they "could (12) \_\_\_\_\_ hygienically".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PUBLIC TOILETS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161226-tokyo-airport-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about public toilets 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) \_\_\_\_\_

