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Level 2

Face recognition scanner to stop toilet paper thieves

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A park in Beijing started a trial to save toilet paper and stop thieves from stealing it. The Temple of Heaven Park installed six facial recognition scanners. These will scan people's face before giving them 60 cm of toilet paper. A person will have to wait for nine minutes if they want extra paper. A park spokesman said there was a problem of park visitors taking too much toilet paper. He said some people came and filled their bags with it. The park had put up posters and put messages over loudspeakers asking visitors to use less toilet paper.

The facial recognition scanners have brought a surprise. They have become a tourist attraction. Visitors are coming to try out the machines. Videos of people taking toilet paper from the machines have gone viral on social media. Park staff still help people with problems using the machines or those who urgently need more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be popular. A user on a Chinese social media site wrote: "This is a really good idea. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial is a success so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used has gone down by 20%.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-39324431>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A park in Beijing started a | a. they want extra paper |
| 2. stop thieves | b. loudspeakers |
| 3. These will scan | c. much toilet paper |
| 4. wait for nine minutes if | d. use less toilet paper |
| 5. visitors taking too | e. up posters |
| 6. The park had put | f. from stealing it |
| 7. put messages over | g. people's face |
| 8. asking visitors to | h. trial |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. They have become a tourist | a. social media |
| 2. Visitors are coming to try | b. more |
| 3. gone viral on | c. used |
| 4. staff still help people | d. to be popular |
| 5. those who urgently need | e. by 20% |
| 6. The scanners seem | f. out the machines |
| 7. The daily amount of toilet paper | g. attraction |
| 8. gone down | h. with problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A park in Beijing (1) _____ to save toilet paper and stop thieves from stealing it. The Temple of Heaven Park installed six facial recognition scanners. (2) _____ people's face before giving them 60 cm of toilet paper. A person will have to (3) _____ minutes if they want extra paper. A park spokesman said there (4) _____ of park visitors taking too much toilet paper. He said some people came and filled their (5) _____. The park had put up posters and put messages over loudspeakers (6) _____ use less toilet paper.

The facial recognition scanners have (7) _____. They have become a tourist attraction. Visitors are coming (8) _____ machines. Videos of people taking toilet paper from the machines have (9) _____ social media. Park staff still help people with problems using the machines or those (10) _____ more toilet paper. The scanners seem to be popular. A user on a Chinese social media site wrote: "This is a (11) _____. I recommend that it be rolled out in toilets nationwide." The trial is a success so far. The daily amount of toilet paper used (12) _____ 20%.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOILET PAPER SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170323-facial-recognition-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about toilet paper 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) _____

WRITING

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