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**Level 0** – 21st August, 2020

## Transparent toilets are the place to go in Tokyo

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200821-the-tokyo-toilet-0.html>

There are new public toilets in Tokyo, Japan. They have see-through walls. When someone locks the door, people can no longer see in. It is part of "The Tokyo Toilet". Designers made nicer toilets that are easier to use. People can feel comfortable using them. The toilets will be in 17 parks and public spaces.

The designers want to change the bad image of toilets. People think they are dark, dirty, smelly and scary places. People want clean and safe toilets. The first toilets opened in a park this week. Many tourists took photos of them. People can see the toilets and sinks from the outside, but only when they are empty.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There are new public        | a. made nicer toilets |
| 2. They have see-              | b. the door           |
| 3. When someone locks          | c. using them         |
| 4. people can no longer        | d. use                |
| 5. Designers                   | e. see in             |
| 6. easier to                   | f. spaces             |
| 7. People can feel comfortable | g. toilets in Tokyo   |
| 8. 17 parks and public         | h. through walls      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The designers want            | a. scary places     |
| 2. the bad                       | b. park this week   |
| 3. dark, dirty, smelly and       | c. are empty        |
| 4. People want clean and         | d. image of toilets |
| 5. The first toilets opened in a | e. sinks            |
| 6. tourists took photos          | f. to change        |
| 7. see the toilets and           | g. safe toilets     |
| 8. but only when they            | h. of them          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200821-the-tokyo-toilet-0.html>

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ public toilets in Tokyo, Japan. They have (2) \_\_\_\_\_. When someone (3) \_\_\_\_\_, people can no longer see in. It is part of "The Tokyo Toilet". Designers (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that are easier to use. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable using them. The toilets will be in 17 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ spaces. The designers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the bad image of toilets. People think they are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and scary places. People want (9) \_\_\_\_\_ toilets. The first toilets opened (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this week. Many tourists took photos of them. People can see the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ from the outside, but only when (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PUBLIC TOILETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200821-the-tokyo-toilet-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) \_\_\_\_\_

