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Level 4 – 14th January, 2021

Free dumplings for motorists stranded in snow

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Record snowfall made driving tough for motorists in Japan this week. Blizzards and snowdrifts left 200 cars stranded on a highway in Fukui, on the Sea of Japan. The manager of a local Chinese restaurant, Keiichi Iwatani acted. He decided to feed those facing a night in freezing temperatures. He delivered hundreds of gyoza dumplings and omelettes to tired, worried and snowbound drivers. Co-workers helped to deliver the provisions to 300 relieved people.

Mr Iwatani spoke about his relief efforts. He saw the snow piling up and knew it would be a problem. Similar bad weather in 2018 stopped him from getting to work. He said: "I regretted not being able to help out then. I'm happy...people appreciated our efforts last night." He added: "I wanted to keep drivers warm, even for just a bit." One driver feared the worst when she got stuck in the snow. She said she was very happy when Mr Ishitani appeared.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Record snowfall made | a. gyoza dumplings |
| 2. Blizzards and | b. Chinese restaurant |
| 3. 200 cars stranded | c. feed those |
| 4. The manager of a local | d. snowdrifts |
| 5. He decided to | e. the provisions |
| 6. facing a night in freezing | f. driving tough |
| 7. He delivered hundreds of | g. temperatures |
| 8. Co-workers helped to deliver | h. on a highway |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mr Iwatani spoke about | a. a bit |
| 2. He saw the snow | b. in 2018 |
| 3. it would be a | c. the worst |
| 4. Similar bad weather | d. problem |
| 5. I regretted not being | e. his relief efforts |
| 6. people appreciated our | f. able to help |
| 7. even for just | g. piling up |
| 8. One driver feared | h. efforts |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Record snowfall (1) _____ for motorists in Japan this week. Blizzards and snowdrifts left 200 cars (2) _____ highway in Fukui, on the Sea of Japan. The (3) _____ local Chinese restaurant, Keiichi Iwatani acted. He decided to feed those (4) _____ in freezing temperatures. He delivered hundreds of gyoza dumplings and omelettes (5) _____ and snowbound drivers. Co-workers helped to (6) _____ to 300 relieved people.

Mr Iwatani spoke about (7) _____. He saw the snow piling up and knew it would (8) _____. Similar bad weather in 2018 stopped him from getting to work. He said: "I regretted not being able to (9) _____. I'm happy...people appreciated our (10) _____." He added: "I wanted to keep drivers warm, even for (11) _____." One driver feared the worst when she (12) _____ the snow. She said she was very happy when Mr Ishitani appeared.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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nMrIshitaniappeared.

SNOW SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about snow 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) _____

