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## **Level 6**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

An airport in Japan has taken toilet cleanliness to a new level. A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones in the public lavatories at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are being encouraged to use the special wipes to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing rolls are the idea of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It also paid for the disinfectant dispensers to be put next to the regular toilet paper holder in 86 cubicles in seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were usually more hygienic than smartphones, saying: "There are more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen as compared to a toilet seat."

Japan is a world leader in toilet technology and boasts some of the most high-tech bathrooms in the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that are equipped with innovative flushing, seat warming, and automated bidet functions. On some, the lid automatically rises when you enter the toilet and flushes when you finish. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds if you want to hide embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT Docomo has accompanied its smartphone wipes with a two-minute instructional video for tourists on how to use the sheets correctly, and also on how to use the other features common in Japan's toilets. It said it wants to make sure, "foreign tourists could enjoy their travel hygienically".

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<http://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/smartphone-toilet-paper-2/>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/dec/22/swipe-right-toilet-paper-for-smartphones-tested-out-in-japanese-airport-bathrooms>

# WARM-UPS

**1. PUBLIC TOILETS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about public toilets. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

airport / Japan / cleanliness / public lavatories / disinfect / mobile devices / germs / leader / technology / innovative / flushing / embarrassing / instructional / travel

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. HI-TECH:** Students A **strongly** believe it is important for toilets to be as high-tech as possible; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TOILETS:** What are the pros and cons of having these things in public toilets? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Smartphone wipes		
TV		
Internet		
Magazines		
Tourist information		
Free candies		

**5. SMARTPHONE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "smartphone". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. TOILET FUNCTIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important toilet functions at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- automatic flushing
- heated seat
- bidet
- automatic lid
- noise silencer
- air freshener
- music
- disinfectant wipes

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A Japanese airport has put all its toilets on one level. **T / F**
- b. A giant mobile phone company has paid for the smartphone toilet paper. **T / F**
- c. The smartphone toilet paper is in 86 cubicles at the airport. **T / F**
- d. Smartphone screens have over 5 times more germs than toilet seats. **T / F**
- e. Japanese people boast about how high-tech their toilets are. **T / F**
- f. All Japanese toilets have automatically rising lids. **T / F**
- g. There is a gadget to hide embarrassing toilet noises. **T / F**
- h. A company made a video for Japanese people on how to use toilets. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. cleanliness</b> | a. state-of-the-art |
| <b>2. lavatories</b>  | b. usual            |
| <b>3. disinfect</b>   | c. told             |
| <b>4. regular</b>     | d. properly         |
| <b>5. informed</b>    | e. toilets          |
| <b>6. equipped</b>    | f. device           |
| <b>7. innovative</b>  | g. hygiene          |
| <b>8. gadget</b>      | h. widespread       |
| <b>9. correctly</b>   | i. furnished        |
| <b>10. common</b>     | j. clean            |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. taken toilet cleanliness                      | a. their mobile devices     |
| 2. use the special wipes to disinfect            | b. times the germs          |
| 3. 86 cubicles                                   | c. in Japan's toilets       |
| 4. toilet seats were usually more                | d. flushing sounds          |
| 5. There are more than five                      | e. in seven rest rooms      |
| 6. Japan is a world leader in toilet             | f. with innovative flushing |
| 7. Japanese homes have toilets that are equipped | g. to a new level           |
| 8. a gadget that produces loud                   | h. instructional video      |
| 9. a two-minute                                  | i. hygienic                 |
| 10. the other features common                    | j. technology               |

# GAP FILL

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

An airport in Japan has taken toilet (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to a new level. A company has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "toilet paper" for smartphones in the public lavatories at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are being (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to use the special wipes to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing rolls are the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It also paid for the disinfectant dispensers to be put next to the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ toilet paper holder in 86 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were usually more (7) \_\_\_\_\_ than smartphones, saying: "There are more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen as (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to a toilet seat."

*installed*  
*regular*  
*cleanliness*  
*compared*  
*idea*  
*hygienic*  
*encouraged*  
*cubicles*

Japan is a world leader in toilet technology and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most high-tech bathrooms in the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with innovative flushing, seat warming, and automated bidet functions. On some, the lid automatically (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when you enter the toilet and flushes when you finish. There is also a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that produces loud flushing sounds if you want to hide embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT Docomo has (13) \_\_\_\_\_ its smartphone wipes with a two-minute (14) \_\_\_\_\_ video for tourists on how to use the sheets correctly, and also on how to use the other (15) \_\_\_\_\_ common in Japan's toilets. It said it wants to make sure, "foreign tourists could enjoy their (16) \_\_\_\_\_ hygienically".

*equipped*  
*instructional*  
*gadget*  
*travel*  
*boasts*  
*features*  
*accompanied*  
*rises*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) An airport in Japan has taken toilet cleanliness \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the new level
  - b. to all new level
  - c. to a new level
  - d. to anew level
- 2) A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. public laboratories
  - b. public lavatories
  - c. public lavatory
  - d. public laboratory
- 3) dispensers to be put next to the regular toilet paper holder \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in 86 cubicles
  - b. in 86 cubby holes
  - c. in 86 cubby calls
  - d. in 86 cubic calls
- 4) A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were usually \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more hygienically
  - b. more hygienic
  - c. more hygiene
  - d. more hygienist
- 5) more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen \_\_\_\_\_ toilet seat
  - a. as compared tour
  - b. has compared to a
  - c. was compared tour
  - d. as compared to a
- 6) Many Japanese homes have toilets that are equipped with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. innovation flushing
  - b. innovative flush in
  - c. innovative flushing
  - d. innovation flush in
- 7) the lid automatically rises when you enter the toilet and flushes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. when you finished
  - b. when you Finnish
  - c. when you finish
  - d. when you finishing
- 8) produces loud flushing sounds if you want to hide \_\_\_\_\_ noises"
  - a. embarrasses in "toilet
  - b. embarrassment "toilet
  - c. embarrass in "toilet
  - d. embarrassing "toilet
- 9) NTT Docomo has accompanied its smartphone wipes with a two-minute \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. instructional video
  - b. institutional video
  - c. instruction all video
  - d. construction all video
- 10) and also on how to use the other features \_\_\_\_\_ toilets
  - a. common inn Japan's
  - b. come on in Japan's
  - c. common in Japan's
  - d. come in Japan's

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

An airport in Japan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cleanliness to a new level. A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones (2) \_\_\_\_\_ lavatories at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are being encouraged to use (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing rolls are the idea of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ disinfectant dispensers to be put next to the regular toilet paper holder (5) \_\_\_\_\_ seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were usually more hygienic than smartphones, saying: "There are more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a toilet seat."

Japan is a world leader in toilet technology (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the most high-tech bathrooms in the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that are equipped with (8) \_\_\_\_\_, seat warming, and automated bidet functions. On some, the lid automatically rises when you enter the toilet (9) \_\_\_\_\_ you finish. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds if you want to hide embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT Docomo (10) \_\_\_\_\_ smartphone wipes with a two-minute instructional video for tourists on how to use the sheets correctly, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to use the other features common in Japan's toilets. It said it wants to make sure, "foreign tourists could enjoy their (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What level has a Japanese airport taken cleanliness to?
2. What kind of company paid for the smartphone toilet paper?
3. How many cubicles at the airport will have the toilet paper?
4. What informed us that toilet seats were more hygienic?
5. How many more germs are there on a smartphone than a toilet seat?
6. What is Japan a world leader in?
7. What is innovative about toilets in many Japanese homes?
8. What kind of noises does a gadget hide?
9. How long is an instructional video?
10. Who is the instructional video for?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What level has a Japanese airport taken cleanliness to?
  - a) the top level
  - b) level 9
  - c) a new level
  - d) pre-intermediate level
- 2) What kind of company paid for the smartphone toilet paper?
  - a) a mobile company
  - b) a toilet paper company
  - c) an airplane company
  - d) a pet food company
- 3) How many cubicles at the airport will have the toilet paper?
  - a) 58
  - b) 85
  - c) 68
  - d) 86
- 4) What informed us that toilet seats were more hygienic?
  - a) a newspaper
  - b) a YouTube video
  - c) a brochure
  - d) an inflight guide
- 5) How many more germs are there on a smartphone than a toilet seat?
  - a) a few times more
  - b) a little more
  - c) 5 times more
  - d) countless times more
- 6) What is Japan a world leader in?
  - a) germs
  - b) toilet technology
  - c) toilet paper
  - d) smartphones
- 7) What is innovative about toilets in many Japanese homes?
  - a) the material
  - b) the shape
  - c) the colours
  - d) the flushing
- 8) What kind of noises does a gadget hide?
  - a) zips going up and down
  - b) embarrassing noises
  - c) coughs
  - d) flushing
- 9) How long is an instructional video?
  - a) two minutes
  - b) 12 minutes
  - c) 20 minutes
  - d) 22 minutes
- 10) Who is the instructional video for?
  - a) toilet paper makers
  - b) YouTube workers
  - c) airline passengers
  - d) foreign tourists

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Disinfectant Wipes**

You think disinfected wipes are the most important thing to have in a toilet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a heated seat, a bidet or music.

## **Role B – Heated Seat**

You think a heated seat is the most important thing to have in a toilet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): disinfected wipes, a bidet or music.

## **Role C – Bidet**

You think a bidet is the most important thing to have in a toilet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a heated seat, disinfected wipes or music.

## **Role D – Music**

You think music is the most important thing to have in a toilet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a heated seat, a bidet or disinfected wipes.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'toilet' and 'paper'.

<b>toilet</b>	<b>paper</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• taken</li><li>• special</li><li>• giant</li><li>• paid</li><li>• 86</li><li>• five</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• leader</li><li>• some</li><li>• seat</li><li>• hide</li><li>• common</li><li>• enjoy</li></ul>
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# PUBLIC TOILETS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161226-tokyo-airport.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.

# **PUBLIC TOILETS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'toilet'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How hygienic are you?
5. What do you do to avoid germs?
6. How clean do you think your smartphone is?
7. How important is cleanliness?
8. How good an idea is putting smartphone wipes in public places?
9. What things in public places should be disinfected regularly?
10. Are there really more germs on a smartphone than a toilet seat?

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# **PUBLIC TOILETS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. How often do you think about germs?
13. How hygienic are the things you touch in public places?
14. How good is the smartphone toilet paper for NTT's image?
15. How high-tech do toilets need to be?
16. How important is having a warm toilet seat?
17. What do you think of the gadget to hide embarrassing noises?
18. Would you like to watch the instructional toilet video?
19. What are the dangers of germs being everywhere?
20. What questions would you like to ask the telephone company?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

An airport in Japan has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ toilet cleanliness to a new level. A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones in the public (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are being encouraged to use the special (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing rolls are the idea of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It also paid for the disinfectant dispensers to be put next to the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ toilet paper holder in 86 (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were usually more hygienic than smartphones, saying: "There are more than five times the germs on a smartphone screen as compared (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a toilet seat."

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                  |                  |                  |
|-----|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) finished   | (b) sparkled     | (c) taken        | (d) cleaned      |
| 2.  | (a) lavatories | (b) latitudes    | (c) laboratories | (d) langoustines |
| 3.  | (a) wipes      | (b) wipers       | (c) whips        | (d) wasps        |
| 4.  | (a) regular    | (b) regulars     | (c) regularly    | (d) regulate     |
| 5.  | (a) capsules   | (b) popsicles    | (c) icicles      | (d) cubicles     |
| 6.  | (a) of         | (b) at           | (c) on           | (d) to           |
| 7.  | (a) boasts     | (b) beats        | (c) beasts       | (d) bastes       |
| 8.  | (a) by         | (b) at           | (c) of           | (d) with         |
| 9.  | (a) lid        | (b) cap          | (c) top          | (d) roof         |
| 10. | (a) by         | (b) with         | (c) of           | (d) so           |
| 11. | (a) every      | (b) common       | (c) ubiquity     | (d) over         |
| 12. | (a) hygienic   | (b) hygienically | (c) hygiene      | (d) hyenas       |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. taken toilet nleiclnssea to a new level
2. public tlioavasre
3. special wipes to ictdesfni their mobile devices
4. 86 elisubcc in seven rest rooms
5. A company YouTube video iedrofmn us
6. more nceygihi than smartphones

## Paragraph 2

7. sotbas some of the most high-tech bathrooms
8. nitoneiavv flushing
9. dottaeamu bidet functions
10. hide gasnibsamrer "toilet noises"
11. a two-minute itsntlocuairn video
12. use the other tsefeaur



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) An airport in Japan has taken toilet cleanliness to a new level. A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones
- ( ) world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that are equipped with innovative flushing, seat
- ( ) us that toilet seats were usually more hygienic than smartphones, saying: "There are more
- ( ) minute instructional video for tourists on how to use the sheets correctly, and also on how to use the other
- ( ) to the regular toilet paper holder in 86 cubicles in seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed
- ( ) encouraged to use the special wipes to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing rolls are the idea
- ( ) warming, and automated bidet functions. On some, the lid automatically rises when you enter the toilet and
- ( ) Japan is a world leader in toilet technology and boasts some of the most high-tech bathrooms in the
- ( ) in the public lavatories at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are being
- ( ) features common in Japan's toilets. It said it wants to make sure, "foreign tourists could enjoy their travel hygienically".
- ( ) than five times the germs on a smartphone screen as compared to a toilet seat."
- ( ) embarrassing "toilet noises". NTT Docomo has accompanied its smartphone wipes with a two-
- ( ) of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It also paid for the disinfectant dispensers to be put next
- ( ) flushes when you finish. There is also a gadget that produces loud flushing sounds if you want to hide

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. level cleanliness Japan to has a taken new toilet .
2. wipes to Passengers use are the being special encouraged .
3. Japanese mobile giant NTT The cleansing rolls are the idea of .
4. 86 to toilet in Next regular holder cubicles the paper .
5. germs on a smartphone There are more than five times the .
6. of the most high - tech bathrooms in the world Some .
7. automatically the rises toilet when The you lid enter .
8. gadget loud There a produces sounds also that flushing is .
9. video instructional minute - two A tourists for .
10. to other in How the common toilets use features Japan's .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An airport in Japan has taken toilet cleanliness to a *new / newly* level. A company has installed "toilet paper" for smartphones *on / in* the public lavatories at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Passengers are *been / being* encouraged to use the *special / specially* wipes to disinfect their mobile devices. The cleansing *rolls / roles* are the idea of Japanese mobile giant NTT Docomo. It also *paid / paying* for the disinfectant dispensers to be put next to the *regulator / regular* toilet paper holder in 86 *cubicles / articles* in seven rest rooms at the airport. A company YouTube video informed us that toilet seats were *usual / usually* more hygienic than smartphones, saying: "There are more than five times the *germ / germs* on a smartphone screen as *compared / comparison* to a toilet seat."

Japan is a world leader in toilet technology and *beasts / boasts* some of the most high-tech bathrooms *in / on* the world. Many Japanese homes have toilets that are *equipping / equipped* with *innovative / innovation* flushing, seat warming, and automated bidet functions. On some, the *slid / lid* automatically rises when you enter the toilet and *flushes / flushed* when you finish. There is also a gadget that produces loud *flashing / flushing* sounds if you want to hide *embarrassing / embarrass* "toilet noises". NTT Docomo has accompanied its smartphone wipes with a two-minute instructional video for tourists on how to use the sheets *correct / correctly*, and also on how to use the other features common in Japan's toilets. It said it wants to make sure, "foreign tourists could *enjoy / enjoyment* their travel hygienically".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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We need to do a lot more to avoid contact with germs. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PUBLIC TOILETS:** Make a poster about public toilets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SMARTPHONE WIPES:** Write a magazine article about all public places having to install disinfectant wipes for smartphones. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on public toilets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how they can be used to promote hygiene and cleanliness. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. cleanliness | a. hygiene          |
| 2. lavatories  | b. toilets          |
| 3. disinfect   | c. clean            |
| 4. regular     | d. usual            |
| 5. informed    | e. told             |
| 6. equipped    | f. furnished        |
| 7. innovative  | g. state-of-the-art |
| 8. gadget      | h. device           |
| 9. correctly   | i. properly         |
| 10. common     | j. widespread       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A new level
2. A mobile company
3. 86
4. A company YouTube video
5. Five times more
6. Toilet technology
7. The flushing
8. Embarrassing toilet noises
9. Two minutes
10. Foreign tourists

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)