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## **Level 5**

### **India cities experiencing hazardous air quality**

**9th November, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-5.html>

Many of India's cities are experiencing such hazardous air pollution that it is difficult to believe. The standard measurement for normal air is set at a level of 50 according to the Air Quality Index (AQI). A level of 300 means the air is hazardous. The AQI website says 300 represents a health alert and an emergency. The website says that, "everyone may experience more serious health effects". The city of Chandrapur reached an AQI level of 824, to become India's most polluted city. The capital New Delhi has reached an AQI of 724. Environmentalists say many cities are now full of gas.

A poisonous fog covers India's capital. People are being told to wear masks. Schools closed for three days. New Delhi has many pollution problems due to the nine million vehicles that clog its streets. Most of these do not conform to emissions standards. The situation has been made worse due to a number of factors. Chemical pollution is blowing in from nearby states, farmers are setting fire to straw, and there is a lack of wind. City officials have ordered roads to be watered to stop dust from rising. They have also banned diesel-powered electricity generators for 10 days, except at hospitals.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Many                         | a. to believe               |
| 2. it is difficult              | b. serious health effects   |
| 3. The standard                 | c. to the Air Quality Index |
| 4. according                    | d. most polluted city       |
| 5. health                       | e. of gas                   |
| 6. everyone may experience more | f. alert                    |
| 7. become India's               | g. of India's cities        |
| 8. many cities are now full     | h. measurement              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. A poisonous fog                     | a. its streets            |
| 2. People are being told               | b. for three days         |
| 3. Schools closed                      | c. fire to straw          |
| 4. the nine million vehicles that clog | d. made worse             |
| 5. these do not conform to emissions   | e. stop dust from rising  |
| 6. The situation has been              | f. covers India's capital |
| 7. farmers are setting                 | g. standards              |
| 8. ordered roads to be watered to      | h. to wear masks          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many of India's cities are experiencing (1) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution that it is difficult to believe. The standard measurement for normal air is set at a level of 50 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Air Quality Index (AQI). A level of 300 means the air is hazardous. The AQI website says 300 represents a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ an emergency. The website says that, "everyone may experience more (4) \_\_\_\_\_". The city of Chandrapur reached an AQI level of 824, to become India's (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The capital New Delhi has reached an AQI of 724. Environmentalists say many cities (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A poisonous fog covers India's capital. People (7) \_\_\_\_\_ wear masks. Schools closed for three days. New Delhi has many pollution problems (8) \_\_\_\_\_ million vehicles that clog its streets. Most of these (9) \_\_\_\_\_ emissions standards. The situation has been made worse due to a number of factors. Chemical pollution is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ nearby states, farmers are setting fire to straw, and there is a lack of wind. City officials have ordered (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop dust from rising. They have also banned diesel-powered electricity generators for 10 days, (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIR QUALITY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1611/161109-air-quality-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air quality 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) \_\_\_\_\_

