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Level 4 – 17th April, 2019

Japan starts nuclear fuel removal from Fukushima

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THE READING

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A company started removing fuel rods from Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant. The plant suffered meltdowns after a huge tsunami hit it in 2011. Workers started removing the hazardous fuel rods five years behind schedule. Work was delayed because of many problems with the devices that were designed for the removal operation. High levels of radiation in the area also caused delays and created a "significant challenge" for engineers.

The company is removing seven unspent nuclear fuel rods. There are a total of 1,573 rods at the plant. The rods will be transferred to safer storage pools. The work should be finished in March 2021. The company said: "Everything is going well so far. We will watch the progress at the site as we put safety first. Our goal is not to rush the process but to carefully proceed." It added: "Safety is our priority. We will carefully continue this work."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/04/15/national/tepco-begins-removing-fuel-rods-unit-3-reactor-pool-crippled-fukushima-nuclear-plant/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The plant suffered | a. delays |
| 2. removing the hazardous | b. behind schedule |
| 3. five years | c. for engineers |
| 4. Work was delayed because | d. fuel rods |
| 5. designed for the removal | e. meltdowns |
| 6. High levels | f. operation |
| 7. caused | g. of many problems |
| 8. a significant challenge | h. of radiation |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. unspent nuclear | a. pools |
| 2. There are a total | b. priority |
| 3. transferred to safer storage | c. first |
| 4. Everything is going well | d. this work |
| 5. we put safety | e. of 1,573 rods |
| 6. Our goal is not to rush the | f. fuel rods |
| 7. Safety is our | g. process |
| 8. We will carefully continue | h. so far |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A company started (1) _____ from Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant. The (2) _____ after a huge tsunami hit it in 2011. Workers (3) _____ hazardous fuel rods five years behind schedule. Work was delayed because (4) _____ with the devices that were designed (5) _____ operation. High levels of radiation in the area also (6) _____ created a "significant challenge" for engineers.

The company is removing seven unspent (7) _____. There are a total of 1,573 rods at the plant. The rods will be transferred to (8) _____. The work should be finished in March 2021. The company said: "Everything is going (9) _____. We will watch the progress at the site as we (10) _____. Our goal is not to rush the process (11) _____ proceed." It added: "Safety (12) _____. We will carefully continue this work."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NUCLEAR POWER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nuclear power 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) _____

