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## **Level 4**

# **Man sells British countryside air to China**

**16th February, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1602/160216-bottled-air-4.html>

An English businessman is selling British countryside air to Chinese people. Leo De Watts, 27, thought of this idea after seeing news of pollution in Chinese cities. He guessed there was a market for cleaner air and started his company last year. It is part of the industry of "air farming". His team "harvests" air from different parts of Britain. The countryside air is cheap to collect, but one bottle of it costs \$115.

De Watts is from the British countryside and loves the air in rural Britain. Most of his bottles of air are sold in Chinese cities, where pollution can be bad. He said Chinese customers are choosy about the air they buy. He said: "We have clients who request very particular circumstances for their air. Sometimes we'll be at the top of a mountain, and other times at the bottom of a valley." He added: "There's really a market for this. We've just started."

Sources: <http://www.abc57.com/story/31164306/the-smell-of-success-115-bottles-of-british-air-sold-to-chinese-buyers>  
<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/131909/20160209/china-now-also-buying-bottled-clean-air-from-britain.htm>  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An English                     | a. "air farming"     |
| 2. after seeing news of pollution | b. of Britain        |
| 3. He guessed there was a market  | c. in Chinese cities |
| 4. It is part of the industry of  | d. it costs \$115    |
| 5. His team "harvests"            | e. businessman       |
| 6. different parts                | f. cheap to collect  |
| 7. The countryside air is         | g. for cleaner air   |
| 8. one bottle of                  | h. air               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. De Watts is from               | a. for this                |
| 2. rural                          | b. about the air they buy  |
| 3. Most of his bottles of air are | c. started                 |
| 4. customers are choosy           | d. the British countryside |
| 5. Sometimes we'll                | e. sold in Chinese cities  |
| 6. at the bottom                  | f. Britain                 |
| 7. There's really a market        | g. be at the top           |
| 8. We've just                     | h. of a valley             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An English businessman (1) \_\_\_\_\_ British countryside air to Chinese people. Leo De Watts, 27, thought (2) \_\_\_\_\_ after seeing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Chinese cities. He guessed there was a market (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and started his company last year. It is part of the industry (5) \_\_\_\_\_. His team "harvests" air from different parts of Britain. The countryside air is (6) \_\_\_\_\_, but one bottle of it costs \$115.

De Watts is from the British countryside (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in rural Britain. Most of his (8) \_\_\_\_\_ sold in Chinese cities, where pollution can be bad. He said Chinese customers (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the air they buy. He said: "We have (10) \_\_\_\_\_ very particular circumstances for their air. Sometimes we'll (11) \_\_\_\_\_ mountain, and other times at the bottom of a valley." He added: "There's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for this. We've just started."

# AIR SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1602/160216-bottled-air-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

