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City plans to plant 3 million trees

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

THE READING

Manchester in England has an ambitious plan to plant three million trees. The project is called the "City of Trees". The director said it has three aims: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - over the next 25 years. Next, we are…bringing existing woodland into management because there is no point in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want to engage people a lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees [and] understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands bring to our society."

The director explained more about the environmental project. He said: "Manchester wants to be a world-class city region. We have a lot of fantastic development…but the natural environment needs to keep up with that." He said it will reconnect people with trees and the natural world, provide health benefits and reduce stress. He said trees would reduce air and noise pollution. He also said: "They can also help cities and towns become more resilient to climate change both in terms of things like reducing the urban heat island effect and also reducing…flooding."

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	an ambitious	a.	next 25 years
2.	The project is	b.	aims
3.	The director said it has three	c.	point
4.	a tree for every	d.	called the "City of Trees"
5.	over the	e.	environment
6.	there is no	f.	plan
7.	natural	g.	woodlands bring
8.	benefits that trees and	h.	man, woman and child

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	wants to be a world-	a.	to climate change
2.	environment needs to keep	b.	class city
3.	reconnect people	c.	flooding
4.	provide health benefits	d.	with trees
5.	reduce air and	e.	island effect
6.	become more resilient	f.	up with that
7.	the urban heat	g.	noise pollution
8.	reducing	h.	and reduce stress

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Manchester in England (1) _____ plan to plant three million trees. The project is called the "City of Trees". The director said it (2) _____: "One is to plant three million trees - a tree for every man, woman and child - (3) _____ 25 years. Next, we are…bringing existing woodland into management because (4) _____ in planting new woodland if you can't manage what you've got already. Finally, we want (5) _____ lot more in their natural environment - in planting trees [and] understanding more about the benefits that trees and woodlands (6) _____."

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREES SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about trees 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) _____

WRITING

Write about **trees** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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