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Level 5

City plans to plant 3 million trees

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

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THE READING

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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."

Sources: http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-38692022

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- 1. an ambitious
- 2. The project is
- 3. The director said it has three
- 4. a tree for every
- 5. over the
- 6. there is no
- 7. natural
- 8. benefits that trees and

- a. next 25 years
- b. aims
- c. point
- d. called the "City of Trees"
- e. environment
- f. plan
- g. woodlands bring
- h. man, woman and child

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- 1. wants to be a world-
- 2. environment needs to keep
- 3. reconnect people
- 4. provide health benefits
- 5. reduce air and
- 6. become more resilient
- 7. the urban heat
- 8. reducing

- a. to climate change
- b. class city
- c. flooding
- d. with trees
- e. island effect
- f. up with that
- g. noise pollution
- h. and reduce stress

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(11) climate change bo	oth in terms of things like
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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREES SURVEY

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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).

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WRITING

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Write about trees for	10 minutes.	Read and	talk about yo	ur partner's pap	er.