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Level 4 – 3rd August, 2019

Ethiopia plants 350 million trees in 12 hours

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Ethiopia broke the world record for the most trees planted in a day. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours on Monday. This smashed the record held by India by 50 million. Ethiopia's government announced the record on Twitter. It revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees. Ethiopia's Prime Minister participated in the planting. He congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for helping the planet.

Ethiopia's record is part of a strategy to plant 4 billion trees by October. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is trying to reverse the cutting down of its forests. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forest. This is down from 30 per cent at the end of the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and tackle global warming.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethiopia-plants-350-million-trees-12-hours-breaking-world-record-2019-07-30/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia broke the | a. the planting |
| 2. the most trees | b. held by India |
| 3. in just | c. planet |
| 4. This smashed the record | d. planted in a day |
| 5. It revealed | e. in the record |
| 6. Ethiopia's Prime Minister participated in | f. that |
| 7. everyone involved | g. world record |
| 8. helping the | h. 12 hours |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. part of a strategy to | a. dioxide |
| 2. volunteers, businesses and | b. over 2.6 billion trees |
| 3. workers have planted | c. warming |
| 4. reverse the cutting | d. government workers |
| 5. down from 30% at the end | e. effective way |
| 6. the cheapest and most | f. down of its forests |
| 7. absorb carbon | g. plant 4 billion trees |
| 8. tackle global | h. of the 19th century |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ethiopia broke the world record for the most (1) _____ a day. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees (2) _____ hours on Monday. (3) _____ record held by India by 50 million. Ethiopia's government announced (4) _____ Twitter. It revealed that people planted 353,633,660 trees. Ethiopia's Prime Minister (5) _____ planting. He congratulated everyone involved in the record (6) _____ and for helping the planet.

Ethiopia's record is part (7) _____ to plant 4 billion trees by October. (8) _____, businesses and government workers have planted over 2.6 billion trees. Ethiopia is (9) _____ the cutting down (10) _____. Less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forest. This is down from 30 per cent at (11) _____ the 19th century. Planting billions of trees is the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide (12) _____ warming.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PLANTING TREES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about planting 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

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