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Google Maps now lets you find fresh air

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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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Google Maps has lots of useful features. It plans routes and provides real-time directions. It also gives traffic information, restaurant reviews, and lots more. Its latest tool is its Air Quality Index (AQI). Before going on a picnic, camping trip or hike, you can check the air quality. Google said we can check "conditions - like whether it's unusually smoggy". It is "a measure of how healthy (or unhealthy) the air is".

The new air quality feature is on the Layers icon on Google Maps. This is where the satellite and street views are. Google said: "We collaborate closely with partners in the weather and air quality space to [provide] helpful and authoritative information....We hope these tools help you feel safe and informed." The AQI also provides updated information on the health impact of air quality. In addition, there is a "wildfires near me" feature to advise people on fires.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Google Maps has lots | a. check the air quality |
| 2. It plans | b. a picnic |
| 3. real-time | c. the air is |
| 4. restaurant | d. directions |
| 5. going on | e. routes |
| 6. you can | f. of useful features |
| 7. whether it's unusually | g. smoggy |
| 8. healthy or unhealthy | h. reviews |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The new air quality | a. information |
| 2. where the satellite and | b. near me |
| 3. We collaborate closely | c. you feel safe |
| 4. helpful and authoritative | d. on fires |
| 5. We hope these tools help | e. of air quality |
| 6. the health impact | f. street views are |
| 7. wildfires | g. feature |
| 8. advise people | h. with partners |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google Maps (1) _____ useful features. It plans routes and provides (2) _____. It also gives traffic information, restaurant reviews, (3) _____. Its latest tool is its Air Quality Index (AQI). Before going (4) _____, camping trip or hike, you can check (5) _____. Google said we can check "conditions - like whether it's unusually smoggy". It is "a measure (6) _____ (or unhealthy) the air is".

The new air (7) _____ on the Layers icon on Google Maps. This is where the (8) _____ views are. Google said: "We collaborate (9) _____ in the weather and air quality space (10) _____ and authoritative information....We hope these tools help you feel safe and informed." The AQI (11) _____ information on the health impact of air quality. In addition, there is a "wildfires near me" (12) _____ people on fires.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOOGLE MAPS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Google Maps 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 **Google Maps** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
