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Pre – Test

Complete the set of pre-assessment activities given below. Read instructions carefully.

PRE – 01 | True or False Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.



	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 The recent ban on the construction of super tall buildings in China has expanded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 There's been no restrictions in China's bigger cities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Cities with populations under 1 million won't be able to build skyscrapers at all.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Cities don't have enough money to build skyscrapers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRE – 02 | Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully and **take notes** on the main points and key details. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned.

01

Reading

The recent ban on the construction of super-tall buildings across China has been significantly expanded, and now, even smaller skyscrapers in places like this will be **forbidden**. And there's been a tightening of **restrictions** in China's bigger cities too.

And yet, it's another government announcement made in October 2021 where things get really interesting. Because now, cities with populations under three million won't be able to build **skyscrapers** at all.

Going taller than 150-metres, the height at which a building officially becomes a skyscraper, will no longer be allowed. If that wasn't all, larger cities will be limited to 250-metres, less than half the height of China's tallest buildings.

There are even new rules to follow past the 100-metre mark. To go higher than that a building will need to meet certain **seismic** and fire safety. Those buildings occasionally result in more floor space than could ever realistically be filled and designs that arguably give little **consideration** to the surrounding area. Then there are the environmental reasons as well as the added strain they can place on a city's transport system.



02

Activity

A1 | Pair Me Up

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

FORBIDDEN	1 _____	A	a very tall modern building, usually in a city
RESTRICTIONS	2 _____	B	relating to earthquake and other vibrations
SEISMIC	3 _____	C	an official limit on something
SKYSCRAPER	4 _____	D	not allowed, especially by law
CONSIDERATION	5 _____	E	the act of thinking about something carefully

A2 | Right Words

Complete the sentence by choosing the word that fits the context. Choose from the box below.

restrictions

ban

tightening

environmental

forbidden

expanded

transport

strain

- The recent _____ on the construction of super-tall buildings across China has been significantly _____, and now, even smaller skyscrapers in places like this will be _____. And there's been a _____ of _____ in China's bigger cities too.
- Then there are the _____ reasons as well as the added _____ they can place on a city's _____ system.

03

Speak Up

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1

How will the restrictions on constructions negatively impact China's economy?

3

What could be the reasons for the increase of skyscraper constructions in China?

2

To what extent do you disagree with the restrictions being imposed by the Chinese government?

4

What kind of skyscraper would you like to build if ever you would be given the chance?

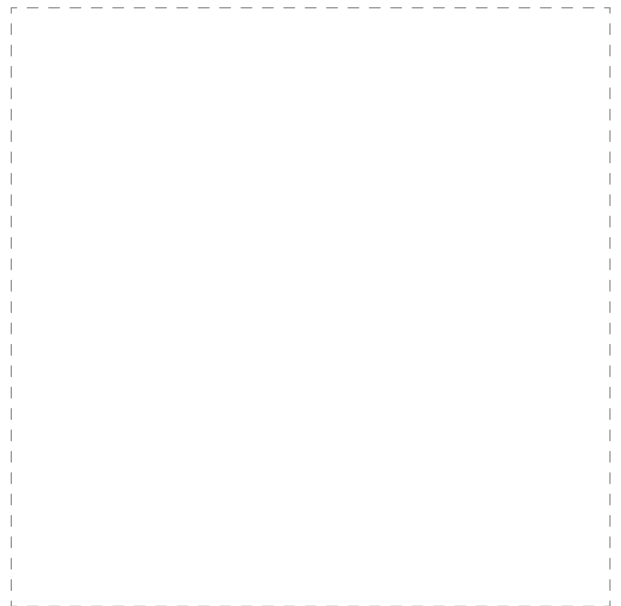



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Limit is a state of mind.



The Creative Box; Draw something, write something, do anything to this box – let yourself be free with the box. 

KEY ANSWERS
1D 2C 3B 4A 5E

1 ban; expanded; forbidden; tightening; restrictions – 2 environmental; strain; transport

LESSON SUMMARY

READING + LISTENING + SPEAKING

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