

Read the news article.

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## Air quality and health

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Every day, the weather reports show us the air pollution index. It is a number that tells us how dirty the air is. The index was 98 on Monday and it went up to 108 yesterday. Last weekend, the index even climbed between 115 and 118.

'We are breathing in bad air every minute,' said Mr Victor Wong, head of Green World. Breathing in dirty air is harmful to us. The dirty air can make people sick. It can also lead to lung

and heart problems.

'To improve the air quality, we have to stop making the air dirty,' Victor Wong said. The smoke from cars, factories, cigarettes and products like hair spray all give out dirty things. The rain and the wind carry these around and so people breathe in bad air everywhere.

The best way to make the air cleaner is to stop using things that give out dirty smoke.

### Test your understanding.

- What is the **main idea** of the news article?
  - A. The air is very dirty.
  - B. People make black smoke.
  - C. People fall sick easily.
  - D. Dirty air makes people sick.
- Albert Cheung is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. a sick person
  - B. a weather reporter
  - C. a news reporter
  - D. the head of Green World
- What was the air pollution index yesterday?
  - A. 98
  - B. 108
  - C. 115
  - D. 118
- In line 19, what does 'these' refer to?
  - A. people
  - B. factories
  - C. dirty things
  - D. the rain and the wind