



“Solar Industry Anxious Over Defective Panels”

Link to text below

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/29/business/energy-environment/solar-powers-dark-side.html?ref=global-home&_r=0

Vocabulary

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Questions

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

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| Disintegrate | Noticeable in all parts or places |
| Defect | Not wanting to do something |
| Adoption | A fault or a problem |
| Pervasive | To be trusted; have a good reputation |
| Surge | To slowly become less |
| Reluctant | Become weaker, break into small pieces. |
| Reputable | Use something instead of something else |
| Substitute | To start using something new |
| Decline | A sudden or great increase |

True or False; read the following statements and, based on the text decide, if they are true or false.

1. Two fires were caused by the disintegration of the panels located near Los Angeles.
2. Many organizations and groups agree that there is a problem with quality in the solar industry.
3. A solar panel will more than pay for itself over 25 years of use.
4. The solar panels installed in 2012 are all OK because they were installed after the quality problems became known.
5. Conrad Burke is responsible for the DuPont division that produces solar panels.
6. China's largest producer of solar panels lost the support of the banks that were financing it.
7. It is becoming common in China for brand name solar panel producers to outsource the production of panels to other, smaller companies.