

**1. Write down the words based on their definitions. Choose the suitable words to fill in the blanks in their appropriate forms.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (v.) to make sth develop or become more active  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.) to produce or create sth  
\_\_\_\_\_ (adj.) able to be used without being completely used up or destroyed  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.) to help sth to happen or develop  
\_\_\_\_\_ (adj.) connected with the trade, industry and development of wealth of a country, an area or a society  
\_\_\_\_\_ (n.) the speed at which sth happens  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.) to make sth increase, or become better or more successful  
\_\_\_\_\_ (n.) the act of investing money in sth  
\_\_\_\_\_ (adj.) extremely large  
\_\_\_\_\_ (n.) one thousand million

**Keys: stimulate generate sustainable promote economic pace boost investment enormous billion**

The reason why the Belt and Road Initiative is gaining wider recognition is that it has not only 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the progress of participating countries, but also contributed to the recovery of the world economy after the global financial crisis. The Belt and Road Initiative conforms to the UN 2 \_\_\_\_\_ development goals and quickens the 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of collaboration among peoples and nations. During the second Belt and Road Forum, cooperation agreements worth over \$64 4 \_\_\_\_\_ were signed at a CEO conference. Participants at the forum said, the Belt and Road Initiative creates a new model of international cooperation, with the aim of 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the economic development of the countries involved. China has shared its development achievements with other Belt and Road participating countries as its 6 \_\_\_\_\_ demand for imports has 7 \_\_\_\_\_ many growth opportunities. China has also increased its direct foreign 8 \_\_\_\_\_ in the participating countries, leading to 9 \_\_\_\_\_ growth in those countries. For instance, the Chinese-funded-and-built Railway in Kenya 10 \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth by 1.5 percent. According to World Bank study, the Belt and Road Initiative will increase the GDP of East Asian and Pacific developing countries by 2.6 percent to 3.9 percent on average.

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**2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the given expressions to complete the sentences.**

lift... out of poverty	standard of living	speed up
quicken the pace of	account for	boost economic growth
on average	in a row	

1. The government intends to improve its people's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Between 2001 and 2018, EU'S exports to China grew by 14.7 percent \_\_\_\_\_ each year.
3. China has \_\_\_\_\_ 700 million people \_\_\_\_\_ through more than 30 years of reform and opening-up.
4. Chinese delivery companies \_\_\_\_\_ transition to green packaging.
5. Brazil's retail sales rise for six months \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
6. An improvement in confidence and political stability would \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.
7. Ethiopia's export revenue to China \_\_\_\_\_ about 8.25 percent of the country's total exports in 2017.
8. We should lay a firm foundation for the future development of our country and \_\_\_\_\_ raising people's quality of life.

**Keys: standard of living    on average    lifted... out of poverty    are speeding up    in a row    boost economic growth    accounted for    quicken the pace of**

**3. Choose one pair of the pictures below showing the changes in Shanghai and makes comments using the key words and expressions.**

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