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经济将是中国新一届中央领导人面临的巨大挑战之一。即将离任的国家主席胡锦涛已经为他的接班人设定了新目标，也就是在 2020 年前让中国的人均收入翻一倍。请听 BBC 经济记者 Andrew Walker 发回的报道：

**Judging by** China's recent performance, Hu Jintao's target might be seen as easily achievable. It **implies** economic growth of about 9.6% a year, which is rather less than the average over the last three decades. But that growth was based on some elements that can't last **indefinitely**.

In common with many emerging countries, China's economic success has involved a **rapid** increase in the number of industrial workers, many of them moving from rural to urban areas. There is a limit to that process, and China might be close to it already. Very high levels of investment have also been important, but they are not seen as sustainable.

There is also the central role that exports have played in China's growth. The uncertain **outlook** in many rich country markets **casts a shadow** over that too. Most economists think the transition that's needed is to an economy driven much more by spending by China's own consumers. As incomes have risen, so has

consumer spending, but its share in economic activity remains unusually low.

The World Bank has **set out** reforms that might help change that, by reducing **incentives** to focus on exports, and industrial investment. The Bank also suggests a wider reform effort to make China more of a market economy. If that analysis is right, the prize could be many more years of strong economic performance and rising Chinese living standards.

### Questions

1. Does the report say China's economy will continue to grow at a fast pace indefinitely?
2. Can you spot another word in the report that means 'to keep going or to maintain'?
3. What do economists think of the role Chinese consumers should play?
4. What suggestions has the World Bank proposed about China's economy?

### Vocabulary and definitions

<b>judging by</b>	根据（什么）来判断
<b>implies</b>	意味着
<b>indefinitely</b>	无限期的
<b>rapid</b>	快速的
<b>outlook</b>	前景

<b>casts a shadow</b>	投下阴影
<b>set out</b>	设定
<b>incentives</b>	奖励措施

### Answers to the questions

1. Does the report say China's economy will continue to grow at a fast pace indefinitely?

**Answer:** No, it doesn't suggest the growth can be maintained forever.

2. Can you spot another word in the report that means 'to keep going or to maintain'?

**Answer:** Sustainable.

3. What do economists think of the role Chinese consumers should play?

**Answer:** The Chinese consumers need to spend more money and drive the economy.

4. What suggestions has the World Bank proposed about China's economy?

**Answer:** The World Bank has suggested reforms to make China more of a market economy.