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Level 4

Holland ordered to cut greenhouse gases

27th June, 2015

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases-4.html>

A Dutch court has ordered the government to cut greenhouse gases by at least a quarter. This is, "to ensure that the Dutch emissions in the year 2020 will be at least 25 per cent lower than those in 1990." Environmentalists hope other nations will do the same. A Dutch politician said the court's ruling would have "far reaching consequences" around the world. The NGO Climate Analytics said the ruling was a "judicial warning" to governments worldwide.

Over 900 Dutch citizens took the Dutch government to court. Holland was behind other countries in cutting CO2 emissions. Its target was a 17 per cent reduction by 2020. The court said this was unacceptable and embarrassing for Holland. The Dutch government will work harder to close coal plants, increase the use of windmills, use more solar energy, and use other renewables. It will also cut the amount of gas it gets out of the ground.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-33253772>
<http://cleantechnica.com/2015/06/24/dutch-class-action-suit-forces-government-to-cut-global-warming-emissions-faster/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. ordered the government to | a. lower |
| 2. by at | b. the same |
| 3. 25 per cent | c. worldwide |
| 4. other nations will do | d. politician |
| 5. A Dutch | e. warning |
| 6. far reaching | f. cut greenhouse gases |
| 7. a judicial | g. least a quarter |
| 8. governments | h. consequences |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Over 900 Dutch | a. embarrassing |
| 2. took the Dutch government | b. other countries |
| 3. Holland was behind | c. renewables |
| 4. cutting CO2 | d. citizens |
| 5. unacceptable and | e. energy |
| 6. use more solar | f. out of the ground |
| 7. use other | g. to court |
| 8. cut the amount of gas it gets | h. emissions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Dutch (1) _____ the government to cut greenhouse gases by at least a quarter. This is, "(2) _____ the Dutch emissions in the year 2020 (3) _____ 25 per cent lower than those in 1990." Environmentalists hope other nations (4) _____. A Dutch politician said the court's ruling would have "far (5) _____" around the world. The NGO Climate Analytics said the ruling was a "(6) _____" to governments worldwide.

Over 900 (7) _____ the Dutch government to court. Holland was behind other countries (8) _____ emissions. Its target was a 17 per cent (9) _____. The court said this was (10) _____ for Holland. The Dutch government will work harder to close coal plants, (11) _____ windmills, use more solar energy, and use other renewables. It will also cut the amount of gas it gets (12) _____.

GREENHOUSE GASES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about greenhouse gases in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

