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## **Level 0**

# **Solar-powered plane makes history**

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<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150706-solar-impulse.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150706-solar-impulse.html>

The Solar Impulse 2 airplane made history by flying 6,500 kilometres from Japan to Hawaii. It is solar powered. The plane landed after a 118-hour flight. The pilot tweeted: "Just landed in Hawaii....It's a dream coming true." The flight broke the record for the longest journey made by a solo pilot in an unfuelled plane.

Solar Impulse 2 is flying around the world. It started in Abu Dhabi. It will go to New York, Europe and then back to Abu Dhabi. People will learn about climate change and renewable energy. The co-pilot said: "The most important thing is...to show what we can do with clean technologies." Airplanes make a lot of CO2.

Sources: <http://www.newsweek.com/solar-impulse-2-lands-hawaii-eighth-stop-epic-solar-powered-journey-349974>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150706-solar-impulse.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. made history by          | a. powered                 |
| 2. It is solar              | b. by a solo pilot         |
| 3. a 118-                   | c. true                    |
| 4. Just landed              | d. hour flight             |
| 5. It's a dream coming      | e. plane                   |
| 6. The flight broke         | f. flying 6,500 kilometres |
| 7. the longest journey made | g. the record              |
| 8. an unfuelled             | h. in Hawaii               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Solar Impulse 2 is flying               | a. back to Abu Dhabi |
| 2. It started                              | b. energy            |
| 3. It will go to New York, Europe and then | c. around the world  |
| 4. climate                                 | d. of CO2            |
| 5. renewable                               | e. in Abu Dhabi      |
| 6. show what we                            | f. change            |
| 7. clean                                   | g. can do            |
| 8. Airplanes make a lot                    | h. technologies      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Solar Impulse 2 airplane made (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
6,500 kilometres from Japan to Hawaii. (2) \_\_\_\_\_.  
The plane landed (3) \_\_\_\_\_ flight. The pilot  
tweeted: "(4) \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaii....It's a dream  
coming true." The flight (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
longest journey made by a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ unfuelled  
plane.

Solar Impulse 2 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. It started  
in Abu Dhabi. It will go to New York, Europe (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
Abu Dhabi. People will learn about (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
and renewable energy. (10) \_\_\_\_\_: "The most  
important (11) \_\_\_\_\_ what we can do with  
clean technologies." Airplanes make (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

