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Solar-powered plane makes history

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THE READING

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The Solar Impulse 2 airplane has made history by flying 6,500 kilometres from Japan to Hawaii. Solar panels cover the plane. They make power from the sun's rays. Maybe all airplanes in the future will do this. Solar Impulse 2 landed after a 118-hour flight. The pilot tweeted about his feelings. He wrote: "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 using solar power. It started in Abu Dhabi. It will fly to New York, before going to Europe and then back to Abu Dhabi. The project will raise awareness about climate change and renewable energy. The co-pilot told a newspaper that: "The most important thing isn't to make world records. It's to show what we can do with clean technologies." Airplanes create 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Solar panels cover | a. 118-hour flight |
| 2. They make power from | b. the record |
| 3. Solar Impulse 2 landed after a | c. the plane |
| 4. The pilot tweeted | d. plane |
| 5. It's a dream | e. about his feelings |
| 6. The flight broke | f. coming true |
| 7. the longest journey made | g. the sun's rays |
| 8. in an unfuelled | h. by a solo pilot |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. flying around the world | a. before going to Europe |
| 2. It started in | b. energy |
| 3. It will fly to New York, | c. technologies |
| 4. raise | d. using solar power |
| 5. climate change and renewable | e. lot of CO2 |
| 6. world | f. Abu Dhabi |
| 7. what we can do with clean | g. records |
| 8. Airplanes create a | h. awareness |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Solar Impulse 2 airplane has made (1) _____
6,500 kilometres from Japan to Hawaii. (2) _____
the plane. They make (3) _____ sun's rays.
Maybe all airplanes in the future will do this. Solar Impulse 2
landed after (4) _____. The pilot tweeted about
his feelings. He wrote: "Just landed in Hawaii....It's a dream
coming true." (5) _____ record for the longest
journey made by a solo pilot in (6) _____.

Solar Impulse 2 is flying around the world (7) _____.
It started in Abu Dhabi. It will fly to New York, before going to
Europe (8) _____ Abu Dhabi. The project will
raise awareness about climate change (9) _____.
The co-pilot told a newspaper that: "(10) _____
isn't to make world records. (11) _____ we can
do with clean technologies." Airplanes (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)

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)

WRITING

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Write about **solar power** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
