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Obama announces new Clean Power Plan

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THE READING

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Barack Obama has a new plan to fight climate change, called the Clean Power Plan. He said it would protect America's economy and health. He wants to switch from coal to renewable energies. He wants power plants to cut carbon emissions by 32 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. He said: "This is our moment to get this right and leave something better for our kids....If we don't get climate change right, we may not be able to reverse it."

Obama said the plan would benefit the nation's health. It will stop 3,600 premature deaths and 1,700 heart attacks each year. There will be fewer missed work and school days because of sickness. America could save up to \$34 billion a year on health. Not everyone thinks the plan is a good idea. Jeb Bush said it would, "throw countless people out of work, and increase everyone's energy prices".

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a new plan to fight climate | a. to get this right |
| 2. it would protect America's | b. energies |
| 3. He wants to switch | c. emissions |
| 4. renewable | d. change |
| 5. cut carbon | e. able to reverse it |
| 6. 32 per cent below 2005 | f. economy and health |
| 7. This is our moment | g. levels by 2030 |
| 8. we may not be | h. from coal |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. benefit the nation's | a. because of sickness |
| 2. It will stop 3,600 premature | b. attacks each year |
| 3. 1,700 heart | c. people out of work |
| 4. fewer missed work and school days | d. plan is a good idea |
| 5. America could save up | e. health |
| 6. Not everyone thinks the | f. prices |
| 7. it would throw countless | g. deaths |
| 8. increase everyone's energy | h. to \$34 billion a year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Barack Obama has (1) _____ climate change, called the Clean Power Plan. He said (2) _____ America's economy and health. He (3) _____ from coal to renewable energies. He wants power plants to cut (4) _____ by 32 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. He said: "This is our moment (5) _____ and leave something better for our kids....If we don't get climate change right, we may not be able (6) _____."

Obama said the plan would benefit (7) _____. It will stop 3,600 (8) _____ and 1,700 heart attacks each year. There will (9) _____ work and school days because of sickness. America (10) _____ \$34 billion a year on health. Not everyone thinks the plan (11) _____. Jeb Bush said it would, "throw countless (12) _____, and increase everyone's energy prices".

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)
