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2017 was UK's greenest energy year ever

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

The United Kingdom is doing a lot to increase its use of renewable energy. It is moving away from fossil fuels and making more use of green energies, such as wind power, nuclear power and solar energy. New figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its greenest year ever in 2017 for electricity production. It even had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal combined. It was the first time this has ever happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.

The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce the amount of coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse gas emissions. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation charity World Wildlife Fund said it was pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking havoc on our nature and wildlife, but we are at last facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, clean future."

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WARM-UPS

1. GREEN ENERGY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about green energy. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

increase / renewable / energy / fossil fuels / solar energy / coal / electricity / power / reduce / greenhouse gas / conservation / target / havoc / nature / wildlife / challenge

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FOSSIL FUELS: Students A **strongly** believe we should stop using fossil fuels within five years; Students B **strongly** believe we should not do this. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RENEWABLES: What do you know about these renewables? What are the good and bad things about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| Renewable | What I know | Good things | Bad things |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Solar | | | |
| Nuclear | | | |
| Wind | | | |
| Tide power | | | |
| Bio-fuels | | | |
| Hydro-electricity | | | |

5. GREEN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "green". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CONSERVATION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- take shorter showers
- wash clothes less often
- be a vegetarian
- cycle more
- use stairs, not elevators
- buy solar panels
- recycle paper
- buy from charity shops

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. renewable | a. A black or dark brown rock found underground deposits and burnt for heating or power. |
| 2. fossil fuels | b. Something that creates and gives something to people. |
| 3. provider | c. A natural source of power that comes from under the ground or under the sea, such as coal and gas. |
| 4. solar | d. A set of connected things or parts forming a bigger whole. |
| 5. coal | e. A type of energy that is not gone forever when it is used. |
| 6. combined | f. About the sun. |
| 7. system | g. United or joined. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. reduce | h. Gives or provides someone with something needed or wanted. |
| 9. supplies | i. Now; at the present time. |
| 10. target | j. Making the air, rivers, seas or other things dirtier because of dangerous things going into them. |
| 11. emissions | k. A goal, objective or result which people try to reach or get to. |
| 12. currently | l. Lots and lots of damage and destruction. |
| 13. havoc | m. The production and sending out of something, especially gas or radiation. |
| 14. polluting | n. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said the UK is having problems moving away from fossil fuels. **T / F**
- b. The UK is making less use of wind power. **T / F**
- c. In 2017, the UK had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. **T / F**
- d. The UK has the fourth cleanest energy system in the world. **T / F**
- e. Less than 7% of the UK's electricity comes from coal. **T / F**
- f. The article says the UK doesn't use enough gas. **T / F**
- g. A wildlife charity wasn't happy about the UK's efforts to be greener. **T / F**
- h. The charity said the UK was turning its back on greener energy. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. increase | a. numbers |
| 2. green energies | b. joined |
| 3. figures | c. destruction |
| 4. combined | d. cut |
| 5. happened | e. renewables |
| 6. reduce | f. welcoming |
| 7. supplies | g. occurred |
| 8. pleased | h. raise |
| 9. havoc | i. happy |
| 10. embracing | j. provides |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. increase its use of | a. cleanest in the world |
| 2. It is moving away | b. coal combined |
| 3. solar | c. havoc on our nature |
| 4. more electricity than gas and | d. from fossil fuels |
| 5. the seventh | e. its target |
| 6. trying to reduce the amount | f. renewable energy |
| 7. make sure it meets | g. to the challenge |
| 8. greenhouse gas | h. of coal it uses |
| 9. Climate change is wreaking | i. emissions |
| 10. facing up | j. energy |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

The United Kingdom is doing a lot to (1) _____ its use of renewable energy. It is moving away from (2) _____ fuels and making more use of green energies, such as wind power, nuclear power and (3) _____ energy. New figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its (4) _____ year ever in 2017 for electricity production. It even had its first coal-(5) _____ day for over 150 years. The UK (6) _____ 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal (7) _____. It was the first time this has ever happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the (8) _____ cleanest in the world.

solar
combined
increase
free
seventh
fossil
broke
greenest

The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce the (9) _____ of coal it uses. Coal now supplies (10) _____ than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse gas (11) _____. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation (12) _____ World Wildlife Fund said it was (13) _____ that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on (14) _____ for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking havoc on our (15) _____ and wildlife, but we are at last facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, clean (16) _____."

less
pleased
emissions
future
charity
amount
target
nature

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

- 1) The United Kingdom is doing a lot to increase its _____ energy
 - a. used of renewable
 - b. user off renewable
 - c. use of renewable
 - d. use off renewable
- 2) It is moving away from fossil fuels and making more use of _____
 - a. greenish energies
 - b. greened energies
 - c. greens energies
 - d. green energies
- 3) figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its greenest year _____
 - a. never in 2017
 - b. even in 2017
 - c. ever in 2017
 - d. every in 2017
- 4) wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas _____
 - a. end coal combine
 - b. and coal combined
 - c. and coals combined
 - d. and coal combine
- 5) The UK's power system is now the _____ Europe
 - a. fourth cleanest on
 - b. fourth cleanest in
 - c. fourth clean nest in
 - d. fourth clean nest on
- 6) The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce _____ coal it uses
 - a. the a mountain of
 - b. the a mount of
 - c. the all mount of
 - d. the amount of
- 7) A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it _____
 - a. meets its target
 - b. meet its target
 - c. meets it target
 - d. meet it target
- 8) World Wildlife Fund said it was pleased that the UK is moving _____ energy
 - a. two wards greener
 - b. too wards greener
 - c. towards greener
 - d. tow wards greener
- 9) It added: "Climate change is wreaking _____ nature"
 - a. havoc on hour
 - b. havoc on your
 - c. havoc in our
 - d. havoc on our
- 10) We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing _____ future
 - a. a new, clean
 - b. anew, cleaned
 - c. a news, clean
 - d. a new, cleaned

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

The United Kingdom is doing a lot (1) _____ use of renewable energy. It is moving away from fossil fuels and making more use of green energies, (2) _____ power, nuclear power and solar energy. New figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its greenest (3) _____ 2017 for electricity production. It even had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK (4) _____ energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than (5) _____ combined. It was the first time this has ever happened. The UK's power (6) _____ the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.

The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce (7) _____ coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try (8) _____ gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse (9) _____. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation charity World Wildlife Fund said it (10) _____ the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we (11) _____ for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking havoc on our nature and wildlife, but we are at (12) _____ to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, clean future."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

1. What is the UK doing a lot to increase its use of?
2. In how long did the UK have its first coal-free day?
3. How many clean energy records did the UK break in 2017?
4. What did green energies produce more electricity than in June 2017?
5. What position is the UK in the world's cleanest power systems?
6. How much of the UK electricity supply comes from coal?
7. What target does the UK want to meet?
8. What charity was pleased with the UK's move towards green energy?
9. What year did the charity say would be better?
10. What did the charity say the UK is turning its back on?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

- 1) What is the UK doing a lot to increase its use of?
 - a) gas
 - b) fossil fuels
 - c) renewable energy
 - d) coal
- 2) In how long did the UK have its first coal-free day?
 - a) over 150 years
 - b) exactly 150 years
 - c) around 150 years
 - d) just under 150 years
- 3) How many clean energy records did the UK break in 2017?
 - a) 12
 - b) 13
 - c) 14
 - d) 15
- 4) What did green energies produce more electricity than in June 2017?
 - a) biodiesel
 - b) petrol
 - c) oil
 - d) coal and gas
- 5) What position is the UK in the world's cleanest power systems?
 - a) second
 - b) fourth
 - c) seventh
 - d) tenth
- 6) How much of the UK electricity supply comes from coal?
 - a) more than 7%
 - b) less than 7%
 - c) exactly 7%
 - d) around 7%
- 7) What target does the UK want to meet?
 - a) a blue one
 - b) yearly target
 - c) a big target
 - d) greenhouse gas emissions
- 8) What charity was pleased with the UK's move towards green energy?
 - a) Conservation Fund
 - b) World Wildlife Fund
 - c) Greenpeace
 - d) Earth Justice
- 9) What year did the charity say would be better?
 - a) 2020
 - b) 2018
 - c) 2019
 - d) 2050
- 10) What did the charity say the UK is turning its back on?
 - a) fossil fuels
 - b) Europe
 - c) renewables
 - d) a clean future

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

Role A – Buying From Charity Shops

You think buying from charity shops is the best way to conserve energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): taking shorter showers, becoming a vegetarian or cycling more often.

Role B – Taking Shorter Showers

You think taking shorter showers is the best way to conserve energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): buying from charity shops, becoming a vegetarian or cycling more often.

Role C – Becoming A Vegetarian

You think becoming a vegetarian is the best way to conserve energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): taking shorter showers, buying from charity shops or cycling more often.

Role D – Cycling More Often

You think cycling more often is the best way to conserve energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): taking shorter showers, becoming a vegetarian or buying from charity shops.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'green' and 'energy'.

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| green | energy |
|--------------|---------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• increase• figures• free• combined• ever• world | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supplies• must• currently• pleased• havoc• future |
|---|--|

GREEN ENERGY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

Write five GOOD questions about green energy 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.

GREEN ENERGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'green'?
3. What renewables does your country use?
4. Why do we need to use more renewable energy?
5. How green is your lifestyle?
6. What do you know about solar power?
7. What do you think about nuclear power?
8. How important is electricity?
9. How much do you worry about pollution?
10. What things are adding to climate change?

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GREEN ENERGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'energy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is wrong with fossil fuels?
15. What do you know about wind power?
16. What do you know about the World Wildlife Fund?
17. What do you do to conserve energy and water?
18. What is climate change doing to our nature and wildlife?
19. When will we be using only renewable energy?
20. What questions would you like to ask the WWF?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

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The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce the (7) _____ of coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it (8) _____ its target for greenhouse gas emissions. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation charity World Wildlife Fund said it was (9) _____ that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are (10) _____ [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking (11) _____ on our nature and wildlife, but we are at last facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and (12) _____ a new, clean future."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) doing | (b) done | (c) do | (d) does |
| 2. | (a) used | (b) users | (c) uses | (d) used to |
| 3. | (a) number | (b) numeral | (c) figures | (d) statistic |
| 4. | (a) freedom | (b) freed | (c) freeze | (d) free |
| 5. | (a) combined | (b) combines | (c) combining | (d) combination |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) to | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) height | (b) worth | (c) series | (d) amount |
| 8. | (a) greets | (b) meets | (c) eats | (d) seats |
| 9. | (a) pleasure | (b) pleases | (c) pleased | (d) please |
| 10. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) mazy | (b) wavy | (c) brevity | (d) havoc |
| 12. | (a) embarrassing | (b) embracing | (c) embassy | (d) embosses |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

Paragraph 1

1. resnaice its use of renewable energy
2. moving away from isfsol fuels
3. lurance power
4. eirtyticlce production
5. lroas power
6. The UK's power sytsme

Paragraph 2

7. reduce the atmnuo of coal it uses
8. greenhouse gas nseosmisi
9. The conservation htircay World Wildlife Fund
10. wreaking vcoah on our nature
11. facing up to the clalenghe
12. embracing a new, clean rfueut

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal
- () combined. It was the first time this has ever happened. The UK's power system
- () gas emissions. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation charity World Wildlife Fund said it was
- () of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse
- () our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, clean future."
- () production. It even had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in
- () pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or
- () figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its greenest year ever in 2017 for electricity
- () greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking
- () havoc on our nature and wildlife, but we are at last facing up to the challenge. We are turning
- () is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.
- () The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce the amount of coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent
- (**1**) The United Kingdom is doing a lot to increase its use of renewable energy. It is moving away from fossil
- () fuels and making more use of green energies, such as wind power, nuclear power and solar energy. New

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

1. moving from fuels is away fossil It .
2. New from UK's provider figures the electricity .
3. power more than Solar produced electricity gas .
4. was has the ever first happened time It this .
5. the power fourth system cleanest is The now UK's .
6. Trying of to coal reduce it the uses amount .
7. try now must It gas less use to .
8. The is towards energy UK moving greener .
9. Climate nature our on havoc wreaking is change .
10. fossil on backs our turning are We fuels .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

The United Kingdom is doing a lot to increase its *used / use* of renewable energy. It is moving *away / about* from fossil fuels and making more use of green energies, such *was / as* wind power, nuclear power and solar energy. New figures from the UK's electricity provider *shows / show* that the UK had its greenest year *ever / even* in 2017 for electricity production. It even had its first coal-free day for *above / over* 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power *produce / produced* more electricity than gas and coal *combined / combed*. It was the first time this has *never / ever* happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in *a / the* world.

The United Kingdom has been *tried / trying* to reduce the amount of coal it uses. Coal now *supplies / supply* less than 7 per cent of the UK's *electrical / electricity*. A spokesman said it must now try to use *fewer / less* gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse gas *emissions / remissions*. The UK currently uses too much gas. The *conversation / conservation* charity World Wildlife Fund said it was pleased that the UK is moving *forwards / towards* greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is *weakening / wreaking* havoc on our nature and wildlife, but we are at *last / lost* facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, *clean / cleanse* future."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _n_t_d K_ngd_m _s d__ng _ l_t t_ _ncr__s_ _ts
s _f r_n_w bl_ _n_rgy. _t _s m_v_ng _w_y fr_m
f_ss_l f__ls _nd m_k_ng m_r_ _s_ _f gr__n _n_rg__s,
s_ch _s w_nd p_w_r, n_cl__r p_w_r _nd s_l_r _n_rgy.
N_w f_g_r_s fr_m th_ _K's _l_ctr_c_ty pr_v_d_r sh_w
th_t th_ _K h_d _ts gr__n_st y__r _v_r _n 2017 f_r
_l_ctr_c_ty pr_d_ct__n. _t _v_n h_d _ts f_rst c__l-fr__
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r_c_rds _n 2017. _n J_n_, w_nd, n_cl__r _nd s_l_r
p_w_r pr_d_c_d m_r_ _l_ctr_c_ty th_n g_s _nd c__l
c_mb_n_d. _t w_s th_ f_rst t_m_ th_s h_s _v_r
h_pp_n_d. Th_ _K's p_w_r syst_m _s n_w th_ f__rth
cl__n_st _n __r_p_ _nd th_ s_v_nth cl__n_st _n th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy.html>

the united kingdom is doing a lot to increase its use of renewable energy it is moving away from fossil fuels and making more use of green energies such as wind power nuclear power and solar energy new figures from the uk's electricity provider show that the uk had its greenest year ever in 2017 for electricity production it even had its first coal-free day for over 150 years the uk broke 13 clean energy records in 2017 in june wind nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal combined it was the first time this has ever happened the uk's power system is now the fourth cleanest in europe and the seventh cleanest in the world

the united kingdom has been trying to reduce the amount of coal it uses coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the uk's electricity a spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse gas emissions the uk currently uses too much gas the conservation charity world wildlife fund said it was pleased that the uk is moving towards greener energy it said "we have never been cleaner or greener and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018" it added "climate change is wreaking havoc on our nature and wildlife but we are at last facing up to the challenge we are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new clean future"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GREEN ENERGY: Make a poster about green energy. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FOSSIL FUELS: Write a magazine article about ending the use of all fossil fuels in the next five years. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on green energy. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to save more energy. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. increase | a. raise |
| 2. green energies | b. renewables |
| 3. figures | c. numbers |
| 4. combined | d. joined |
| 5. happened | e. occurred |
| 6. reduce | f. cut |
| 7. supplies | g. provides |
| 8. pleased | h. happy |
| 9. havoc | i. destruction |
| 10. embracing | j. welcoming |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Renewable energy
2. Over 150 years
3. 13
4. Coal and gas
5. Seventh
6. Less than 7%
7. Greenhouse gas emissions
8. World Wildlife Fund
9. 2018
10. (Polluting) fossil fuels

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)