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**Level 0 – 10th November, 2022**

## **Billionaires create a million times more CO2**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-0.html>

Business, homes and cows damage the environment. A report from a charity said billionaires also cause damage. The average billionaire creates three million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a million times more than an average person creates. Billionaires create as much CO2 as France.

Luxury yachts and private jets mean billionaires have a huge carbon footprint. The charity said: "The...growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely discussed...in climate policy making." It added: "Billionaires have a huge responsibility for...climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Business, homes   | a. charity      |
| 2. damage the        | b. times more   |
| 3. A report from a   | c. and cows     |
| 4. billionaires also | d. metric tons  |
| 5. three million     | e. as France    |
| 6. carbon            | f. cause damage |
| 7. a million         | g. environment  |
| 8. as much CO2       | h. dioxide      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Luxury                   | a. footprint      |
| 2. private                  | b. emissions      |
| 3. carbon                   | c. accountability |
| 4. wealthy                  | d. jets           |
| 5. overall                  | e. people         |
| 6. climate policy           | f. responsibility |
| 7. Billionaires have a huge | g. making         |
| 8. They have escaped        | h. yachts         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-0.html>

Business, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ damage the environment. A report (2) \_\_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_ billionaires (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The average billionaire creates three million metric tons (4) \_\_\_\_\_ per year. This is a million times more than (5) \_\_\_\_\_ creates. Billionaires create (6) \_\_\_\_\_ as France. Luxury yachts (7) \_\_\_\_\_ mean billionaires (8) \_\_\_\_\_ carbon footprint. The charity said: "The...growing responsibility (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for overall emissions is rarely discussed... (10) \_\_\_\_\_ making." It added: "Billionaires (11) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for...climate breakdown. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ accountability."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about billionaires' CO2 emissions 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-0.html>

Write about **billionaires' CO2 emissions** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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