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Level 2 – 26th January 2023

Bill Gates wants to reduce methane from cow burps

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230126-methane-emissions-2.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We know cars and factories create lots of greenhouse gas. Not many of us know that cows, deer and goats also create gasses. These farm animals create a lot of the world's methane. This is the second most common greenhouse gas, after carbon dioxide. Billionaire Bill Gates wants to cut the methane farm animals create. He invested in a technology start-up that aims to reduce the methane in animal burps. The company is called Rumin8. It has created a seaweed-based supplement. The company says this stops the creation of methane in animals' stomachs.

Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft. He invests a lot of money on environmental projects. He thinks we should farm animals for meat less. He said this would lower the impact on climate change. A third of all greenhouse gas emissions comes from farming animals. Mr Gates' energy investment company spoke about the benefits of the new supplement. He said: "Rumin8 offers a low-cost toolbox that [is] effective in reducing emissions." He added: "Our team will support Rumin8 in working closely with farmers to expand the reach of this solution globally."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. factories create lots | a. also create gasses |
| 2. Not many of | b. animals create |
| 3. cows, deer and goats | c. greenhouse gas |
| 4. animals create a lot of | d. supplement |
| 5. the second most common | e. us know that |
| 6. carbon | f. the world's methane |
| 7. cut the methane farm | g. dioxide |
| 8. a seaweed-based | h. of greenhouse gas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. He invests a lot | a. reducing emissions |
| 2. environmental | b. on climate change |
| 3. lower the impact | c. solution globally |
| 4. the benefits of the new | d. of money |
| 5. a low- | e. with farmers |
| 6. effective in | f. projects |
| 7. working closely | g. cost toolbox |
| 8. expand the reach of this | h. supplement |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We know cars and (1) _____ of greenhouse gas. Not many of us know that cows, (2) _____ also create gasses. These farm animals (3) _____ of the world's methane. This is the second most common greenhouse gas, after carbon dioxide. Billionaire Bill Gates wants to (4) _____ farm animals create. He invested in a technology start-up that (5) _____ the methane in animal burps. The company is called Rumin8. It has created a seaweed-based supplement. The company says this stops the creation of methane (6) _____.

Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft. He (7) _____ of money on environmental projects. He thinks we should farm animals (8) _____. He said this would lower the impact on climate change. A (9) _____ greenhouse gas emissions comes from farming animals. Mr Gates' energy investment company spoke about (10) _____ the new supplement. He said: "Rumin8 offers a (11) _____ that [is] effective in reducing emissions." He added: "Our team will support Rumin8 in working closely with farmers to expand the reach of (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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METHANE EMISSIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about methane 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

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