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Level 2 – 29th August, 2020

Black wind-turbine blade cuts bird deaths

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200829-wind-turbine-2.html>

There are many advantages of wind farms. One is they provide green energy. However, there are also disadvantages. One is the blades on turbines kill thousands of birds, which accidentally fly into the blades. Researchers have found an answer. Painting one blade black could help birds see the blades. This could cut bird strikes by 70 per cent. A researcher said: "The collision of birds...is one of the main environmental concerns related to wind energy development." The research has been published in the conservation journal "Ecology and Evolution".

Researchers looked at how to reduce the number of birds dying in wind-turbine blades. They painted one blade of four different turbines black. Over four years, the turbines with one black blade saw a huge reduction in bird deaths. A researcher said: "Few effective measures have been developed to reduce the risk of collision." A bird protection group welcomed the idea. It said wind farms needed to be "in harmony with nature". It added: "Wind turbines are the right technology when we find the right places for them." It said wind farms should cause little risk to wildlife.

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<https://www.cnet.com/news/10-generators-to-keep-your-lights-on/>
<https://bgr.com/2020/08/26/wind-turbine-birds-death/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. There are many advantages | a. concerns |
| 2. provide | b. answer |
| 3. birds which accidentally fly | c. journal |
| 4. Researchers have found an | d. of wind farms |
| 5. This could cut bird strikes | e. development |
| 6. one of the main environmental | f. into the blades |
| 7. wind energy | g. by 70 per cent |
| 8. published in the conservation | h. green energy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Researchers looked at how to | a. group |
| 2. They painted one | b. collision |
| 3. a huge reduction | c. to wildlife |
| 4. reduce the risk of | d. reduce the number |
| 5. A bird protection | e. places for them |
| 6. Wind turbines are the right | f. blade |
| 7. we find the right | g. technology |
| 8. cause little risk | h. in bird deaths |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are (1) _____ wind farms. One is they (2) _____. However, there are also disadvantages. One is the blades on turbines kill thousands of birds, which (3) _____ the blades. Researchers have found an answer. Painting one blade black could (4) _____ the blades. This could cut bird strikes by 70 per cent. A researcher said: "The (5) _____...is one of the main environmental concerns related to wind energy development." The research has (6) _____ the conservation journal "Ecology and Evolution".

Researchers looked at (7) _____ the number of birds dying in wind-turbine blades. They painted (8) _____ four different turbines black. Over four years, the turbines with one black blade saw (9) _____ in bird deaths. A researcher said: "Few effective measures have been developed to (10) _____ of collision." A bird protection group welcomed the idea. It said wind farms (11) _____ "in harmony with nature". It added: "Wind turbines are the right technology when we find the right places for them." It said wind farms should cause (12) _____ wildlife.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WIND TURBINES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200829-wind-turbine-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wind turbines 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) _____

