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## Level 6

# Holland ordered to cut greenhouse gases

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# THE ARTICLE

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The judges' ruling came after 900 Dutch citizens took legal action against the Dutch government to get it to comply with international regulations. Holland was far behind many other countries in reducing carbon emissions. It was on target for a 14 to 17 per cent reduction by 2020. The Dutch court decided this was unacceptable for a country as developed and progressive as Holland. It also said that hitting a target of just 17 per cent would cause huge embarrassment for the Dutch. The Dutch government must now accelerate existing plans to close coal plants, increase the use of windmills, solar energy and other renewables, and drastically cut the amount of gas it takes out of the ground.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. GREENHOUSE GASES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about greenhouse gases. 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?

*court / greenhouse / decision / environmentalists / global / drive / member / sentiment / legal action / regulations / target / unacceptable / progressive / accelerate / ground*

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

**3. GLOBAL PROBLEMS:** How can we solve these global problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Solution	Likelihood of this happening
Global warming		
Overpopulation		
Refugees		
Religious intolerance		
Cybercrime		
Human trafficking		

**4. FOSSIL FUELS:** Students A **strongly** believe the world can end its use of fossil fuels within the next decade; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. CUTTING EMISSIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of cutting emissions at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hydrogen fuel cars
- carpool
- turn off lights
- use the stairs
- save water
- buy local produce
- walk
- recycle

**6. CO2:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "CO2". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A Dutch court ordered the Dutch government to cut emissions.          | T / F |
| b. Dutch emissions must be 25% lower than they were in 1990.             | T / F |
| c. A member of the European Parliament said the ruling was not historic. | T / F |
| d. A man said the ruling would lead to shootings around the world.       | T / F |
| e. The ruling was because 900 citizens took the government to court.     | T / F |
| f. Holland was well ahead of other countries in meeting targets.         | T / F |
| g. The Dutch court said Holland's targets would have been embarrassing.  | T / F |
| h. Holland will now work more slowly in closing coal plants.             | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. ordered     | a. obey           |
| 2. at least    | b. significant    |
| 3. sentiment   | c. very big       |
| 4. historic    | d. instructed     |
| 5. agreed      | e. decision       |
| 6. ruling      | f. point of view  |
| 7. comply      | g. concurred      |
| 8. progressive | h. volume         |
| 9. huge        | i. at the minimum |
| 10. amount     | j. modern         |

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

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. by at least                 | a. to reduce emissions |
| 2. the world will follow       | b. other countries     |
| 3. a global drive              | c. other renewables    |
| 4. have far reaching           | d. shot to governments |
| 5. the first judicial warning  | e. amount of gas       |
| 6. citizens took               | f. a quarter           |
| 7. Holland was far behind many | g. of just 17%         |
| 8. hitting a target            | h. consequences        |
| 9. solar energy and            | i. legal action        |
| 10. drastically cut the        | j. Holland's lead      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Holland has ordered the Dutch government to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a quarter by 2020. Three judges said the decision was, "to ensure that the Dutch emissions in the year 2020 will be at least 25 per cent (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than those in 1990." Environmentalists hope others around the world will follow Holland's lead in a global (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce emissions. Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, a Dutch member of the European Parliament, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ this sentiment, saying: "This historic ruling will have far (6) \_\_\_\_\_ consequences in the Netherlands, Europe and the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world." Bill Hare of Climate Analytics agreed. He said: "This could be the first judicial (8) \_\_\_\_\_ shot to governments around the world."

*echoed*  
*court*  
*lower*  
*reaching*  
*warning*  
*least*  
*rest*  
*drive*

The judges' (9) \_\_\_\_\_ came after 900 Dutch citizens took legal action against the Dutch government to get it to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with international regulations. Holland was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ behind many other countries in reducing carbon emissions. It was on (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for a 14 to 17 per cent reduction by 2020. The Dutch court decided this was unacceptable for a country as developed and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ as Holland. It also said that hitting a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of just 17 per cent would cause huge embarrassment for the Dutch. The Dutch government must now accelerate existing plans to close coal (15) \_\_\_\_\_, increase the use of windmills, solar energy and other renewables, and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ cut the amount of gas it takes out of the ground.

*far*  
*progressive*  
*ruling*  
*drastically*  
*comply*  
*plants*  
*target*  
*target*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. quartile by 2020
  - b. quarter by 2020
  - c. quart or by 2020
  - d. quadrant by 2020
- 2) Dutch emissions in the year 2020 will be at least 25 per cent lower \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. than these in 1990
  - b. than them in 1990
  - c. than that in 1990
  - d. than those in 1990
- 3) Environmentalists hope others around the world will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. follow Holland's lead
  - b. follow Holland's read
  - c. follow Holland's reed
  - d. follow Holland's raid
- 4) This historic ruling will have \_\_\_\_\_ in the Netherlands
  - a. for reaching consequences
  - b. fear reaching consequences
  - c. four reaching consequences
  - d. far reaching consequences
- 5) He said: "This could be the first judicial warning \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. shoot to governments
  - b. shot to governments
  - c. shots to governments
  - d. shout to governments
- 6) The judges' ruling came after 900 Dutch citizens \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. took legally action
  - b. took legalise action
  - c. took legality action
  - d. took legal action
- 7) unacceptable for a country as developed and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. progressive as Holland
  - b. regressive as Holland
  - c. progress if as Holland
  - d. regress if as Holland
- 8) It also said that hitting a target of just 17 per cent would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. caused huge embarrassment
  - b. cause huge embarrassment
  - c. causes huge embarrassment
  - d. because huge embarrassment
- 9) The Dutch government must now accelerate existing plans \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to close coal plants
  - b. to close coal plans
  - c. to close coal prance
  - d. to close coal parlance
- 10) drastically cut the amount of gas it takes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out of a ground
  - b. out of that ground
  - c. out of this ground
  - d. out of the ground

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

1. Who ordered Holland to cut its emissions?

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2. By when must Holland cut emissions by a quarter or more?

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3. Who hopes other countries will follow Holland's lead?

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4. Where did a politician say the ruling would affect apart from Holland?

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5. What is the name of the company Bill Hare works for?

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6. How many people took the Dutch government to court?

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7. What was the original target for Holland's emissions?

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8. What would a target of 17% make Holland feel?

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9. What will Holland now close faster than before?

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10. What will the Dutch government take less of out of the ground?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

1. Who ordered Holland to cut its emissions?
  - a) Greenpeace
  - b) a court
  - c) the USA
  - d) the UN
2. By when must Holland cut emissions by a quarter or more?
  - a) 2017
  - b) 2018
  - c) 2019
  - d) 2020
3. Who hopes other countries will follow Holland's lead?
  - a) environmentalists
  - b) oil companies
  - c) European countries
  - d) coal miners
4. Where did a politician say the ruling would affect apart from Holland?
  - a) Asia
  - b) South America
  - c) Europe
  - d) India
5. What is the name of the company Bill Hare works for?
  - a) The Clean Air Co.
  - b) Climate Analytics
  - c) Environment Anonymous
  - d) Greenpeace
6. How many people took the Dutch government to court?
  - a) 900
  - b) 800
  - c) 700
  - d) 600
7. What was the original target for Holland's emissions?
  - a) 17-20%
  - b) 13-17%
  - c) 14-17%
  - d) 15-18%
8. How would a target of 17% make Holland feel?
  - a) embarrassed
  - b) good
  - c) angry
  - d) bored
9. What will Holland now close faster than before?
  - a) coal plants
  - b) windmills
  - c) renewables
  - d) solar energy stations
10. What will the Dutch government take less of out of the ground?
  - a) earth
  - b) oil
  - c) gold
  - d) gas

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Carpooling**

You think carpooling is the best way to reduce carbon emissions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): using the stairs, buying local produce or walking everywhere.

## **Role B – Using the stairs**

You think using the stairs is the best way to reduce carbon emissions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): carpooling, buying local produce or walking everywhere.

## **Role C – Buying local produce**

You think buying local produce is the best way to reduce carbon emissions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): using the stairs, carpooling or walking everywhere.

## **Role D – Walking everywhere**

You think walking everywhere is the best way to reduce carbon emissions. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): using the stairs, buying local produce or carpooling.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

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

<b>greenhouse</b>	<b>gas</b>
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- 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"><li>• quarter</li><li>• 1990</li><li>• follow</li><li>• this</li><li>• rest</li><li>• first</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 900</li><li>• far</li><li>• 14</li><li>• target</li><li>• coal</li><li>• ground</li></ul>
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# GREENHOUSE GASES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

Write five GOOD questions about greenhouse gases 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.

# GREENHOUSE GASES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'CO2'?
- 3) How are greenhouse gases in your country?
- 4) What do you do to help the environment?
- 5) What do you think of the decision of the Dutch court?
- 6) Why are countries so slow to act to reduce emissions?
- 7) How likely do you think it is that other countries will follow Holland's example?
- 8) What is the most important job of an environmentalist?
- 9) What 'far-reaching consequences' might the ruling have?
- 10) Why have people kind of forgotten to act on climate change?

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# GREENHOUSE GASES DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Why aren't people in your country doing more to help Earth?
- 13) Why do you think Holland had fallen behind?
- 14) What signs of climate change can you see in your country?
- 15) What is the biggest problem posed by climate change?
- 16) How embarrassing would the old targets have been for Holland?
- 17) What renewables are there in your country?
- 18) What do you know about climate change?
- 19) What will the climate be like in one hundred years from now?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Holland's leader?

## **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

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

- |     |                  |                   |                 |                 |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) last         | (b) lost          | (c) least       | (d) lest        |
| 2.  | (a) ensure       | (b) censure       | (c) insure      | (d) reassure    |
| 3.  | (a) those        | (b) them          | (c) that        | (d) they        |
| 4.  | (a) drive        | (b) ride          | (c) fly         | (d) sail        |
| 5.  | (a) banked       | (b) wrapped       | (c) bloated     | (d) echoed      |
| 6.  | (a) justice      | (b) judgementally | (c) judge       | (d) judicial    |
| 7.  | (a) took         | (b) had           | (c) did         | (d) gave        |
| 8.  | (a) over         | (b) as            | (c) via         | (d) with        |
| 9.  | (a) on           | (b) at            | (c) in          | (d) to          |
| 10. | (a) regressive   | (b) progressive   | (c) progression | (d) regression  |
| 11. | (a) acceleration | (b) accelerate    | (c) accelerator | (d) accelerates |
| 12. | (a) drastically  | (b) drastic       | (c) practical   | (d) heartily    |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. by at least a rerutaq
2. Three dgesju
3. a global drive to reduce smiiesons
4. eedohc this sentiment
5. have far reaching nese-cn-sqeuo
6. the first iuad-cjli warning shot to governments

## Paragraph 2

7. 900 Dutch iestcizn
8. international reilusgonat
9. as developed and rveoispsgre as Holland
10. lcraceeaet existing plans
11. solar energy and other rns-lwae-be
12. atalsrdilyc cut the amount of gas



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	rest of the world." Bill Hare of Climate Analytics agreed. He said: "This could be the first judicial warning
( )	target for a 14 to 17 per cent reduction by 2020. The Dutch court decided this was unacceptable
( )	for a country as developed and progressive as Holland. It also said that hitting a target of just
( )	17 per cent would cause huge embarrassment for the Dutch. The Dutch government must now
( )	renewables, and drastically cut the amount of gas it takes out of the ground.
( )	accelerate existing plans to close coal plants, increase the use of windmills, solar energy and other
( )	with international regulations. Holland was far behind many other countries in reducing carbon emissions. It was on
( )	echoed this sentiment, saying: "This historic ruling will have far reaching consequences in the Netherlands, Europe and the
( )	The judges' ruling came after 900 Dutch citizens took legal action against the Dutch government to get it to comply
( )	by 2020. Three judges said the decision was, "to ensure that the Dutch emissions in the year 2020 will be at
( )	shot to governments around the world."
( <b>1</b> )	A court in Holland has ordered the Dutch government to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least a quarter
( )	least 25 per cent lower than those in 1990." Environmentalists hope others around the world will follow Holland's
( )	lead in a global drive to reduce emissions. Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, a Dutch member of the European Parliament,

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

1. a Cut emissions least gas at quarter greenhouse by .

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2. be year Emissions % at 2020 in lower least will the 25 .

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3. world hope will others follow around the Environmentalists .

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4. have This far historic reaching ruling consequences will .

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5. to shot warning judicial first The governments .

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6. government action against Citizens the took Dutch legal .

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7. behind far was Holland countries other many .

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8. was decided Dutch unacceptable this court The .

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9. coal close to plans existing Accelerate plants .

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10. the Cut ground the of out takes it gas of amount .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

A court in Holland has *ordered / ordering* the Dutch government to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at *least / last* a quarter by 2020. Three judges said the *deciding / decision* was, "to ensure that the Dutch emissions in the year 2020 will be at least 25 per cent lower than *them / those* in 1990." Environmentalists hope others around the world will *following / follow* Holland's lead in a global *drive / ride* to reduce emissions. Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, a Dutch *membership / member* of the European Parliament, echoed this sentiment, saying: "This *historic / history* ruling will have *far / for* reaching consequences in the Netherlands, Europe and the rest of the world." Bill Hare of Climate Analytics agreed. He said: "This could be the first judicial *warring / warning* shot to governments around the world."

The judges' *ruling / ruled* came after 900 Dutch citizens took legal action against the Dutch government to get it to *comfy / comply* with international regulations. Holland was far behind many other countries in *reduction / reducing* carbon emissions. It was *on / in* target for a 14 to 17 per cent reduction *as / by* 2020. The Dutch court decided this was unacceptable for a country as developed and progressive *was / as* Holland. It also said that hitting a target of just 17 per cent would cause *huge / hugely* embarrassment for the Dutch. The Dutch government must now *decelerate / accelerate* existing plans to close coal plants, increase the use of windmills, solar energy and *another / other* renewables, and *drastically / drastic* cut the amount of gas it takes out of the ground.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150627-greenhouse-gases.html>

\_ c \_ \_ rt \_ n H \_ ll \_ nd h \_ s \_ rd \_ r \_ d th \_ D \_ tch g \_ v \_ rnm \_ nt  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 greenhouse gases. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. RENEWABLES:** Make a poster about sources of renewable 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 phasing out the use of fossil fuels within a decade. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 climate change. Ask him/her three questions about greenhouse gases. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to cut them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. ordered     | a. instructed     |
| 2. at least    | b. at the minimum |
| 3. sentiment   | c. point of view  |
| 4. historic    | d. significant    |
| 5. agreed      | e. concurred      |
| 6. ruling      | f. decision       |
| 7. comply      | g. obey           |
| 8. progressive | h. modern         |
| 9. huge        | i. very big       |
| 10. amount     | j. volume         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A court
2. 2020
3. Environmentalists
4. Europe and the rest of the world
5. Climate Analytics
6. 900
7. 14-17%
8. Embarrassed
9. Coal plants
10. Gas

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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