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United Nations warns world to quit 'coal addiction'

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THE READING

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has told world leaders to end their addiction to coal. He said the addiction "must be overcome". Mr Guterres said the fossil fuel was a "major threat" to climate change. He was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said: "Countries in these areas are countries that are in one of the most vulnerable areas to climate change." He added that: "Unless we are able to...defeat climate change, in 2050, the research has forecasted that 300 million people in the world will be flooded by sea water."

Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at the present moment". He added: "We have to put a price on carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels." He urged countries to stop building coal-power electricity plants so we can defeat climate change. The UN chief spoke on a day that saw "hazardous" levels of air pollution in Delhi. An Indian health official said air monitors did not have enough digits to record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the history of the world!! This is a disaster!"

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. world
2. the addiction must
3. a major
4. in Thailand for the
5. one of the most
6. Unless we are able to
7. the research has forecasted
8. flooded by

a. that
b. threat
c. sea water
d. be overcome
e. ASEAN Summit
f. vulnerable areas
g. leaders
h. defeat climate change

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. the biggest threat to
2. at the present
3. We have to put a price
4. We need to stop subsidies
5. coal-power electricity
6. hazardous levels of air
7. in the history
8. This is a

a. of the world
b. pollution
c. disaster
d. plants
e. on carbon
f. the planet
g. for fossil fuels
h. moment

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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elsofairpollutioninDelhi.AnIndianhealthofficialsaidairmonitorsdidno
thaveenoughdigitstorecordthepollution.Hetweeted:"Ithinkwearehe
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orld!!Thisisadisaster!"

COAL SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about coal 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

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

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