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Level 2

2017 was UK's greenest energy year ever

30th December, 2017

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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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The UK is increasing its use of renewable energy. It is moving from fossil fuels to green energy, such as wind, nuclear and solar energy. New figures show that the UK had its greenest year ever in 2017 for producing electricity. In 2017, the UK had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal. It is the first time this has happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.

The UK has been trying to reduce how much coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. The government wants to use less gas to meet its greenhouse gas target. The UK uses too much gas. The charity World Wildlife Fund is pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is [damaging] our nature and wildlife, but we are...facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels [for a] clean future."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-42495883>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. increasing its use of renewable | a. energy records |
| 2. moving from fossil | b. happened |
| 3. the UK had its greenest | c. power |
| 4. The UK broke 13 clean | d. in the world |
| 5. wind, nuclear and solar | e. fuels |
| 6. produced more electricity than | f. year ever in 2017 |
| 7. It is the first time this has | g. gas and coal |
| 8. the seventh cleanest | h. energy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. reduce how | a. to the challenge |
| 2. The government wants | b. gas |
| 3. greenhouse | c. future |
| 4. the UK is moving towards | d. to use less gas |
| 5. we are on | e. our backs |
| 6. we are facing up | f. target |
| 7. We are turning | g. greener energy |
| 8. a clean | h. much coal it uses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is (1) _____ of renewable energy. It is moving from (2) _____ green energy, such as wind, nuclear and solar energy. New figures show that the UK had its greenest (3) _____ 2017 for producing electricity. In 2017, the UK had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 (4) _____ in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced (5) _____ gas and coal. It is the first time this has happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the (6) _____ the world.

The UK has been (7) _____ how much coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. The government (8) _____ less gas to meet its greenhouse gas target. The UK uses (9) _____. The charity World Wildlife Fund is pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have (10) _____ or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is (11) _____ and wildlife, but we are...facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on (12) _____ [for a] clean future."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GREEN ENERGY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171230-green-energy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Green energy 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) _____

