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## Scientists close to turning air into fuel

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

Scientists at the Canadian company Carbon Engineering have said they are close to making carbon capture work. Carbon capture is the process of capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from places like power plants and then storing it so it does not harm the environment. Carbon Engineering say its scientists are close to capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and turning it into carbon-neutral fuel. This could be a big step forward in the fight against global warming. The scientists also said they have greatly reduced the cost of carbon capture, to as low as \$94 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured. Many scientists believed carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 per ton captured.

The technology works by sucking air into special industrial towers. The CO<sub>2</sub> is mixed with an alkaline liquid and frozen. It is then heated and combined with hydrogen. This produces liquid fuels like gasoline and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was optimistic about the future of this process. He believes his company could help to combat climate change. He said: "After 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can confidently say that while air capture is not some magical cheap solution, it is a viable and buildable technology for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon in the long run."

Sources: <https://www.ecowatch.com/carbon-capture-technology-canada-2576234738.html>  
<https://boingboing.net/2018/06/08/its-becoming-much-cheaper-to.html>  
<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/06/cost-plunges-capturing-carbon-dioxide-air>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CARBON CAPTURE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about carbon capture. 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?

scientists / carbon / CO<sub>2</sub> / the environment / power plants / atmosphere / fight / technology / industrial / liquid / hydrogen / gasoline / climate change / in the long run

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

**3. THE LONG RUN:** Students A **strongly** believe scientists will reverse global warming in the long run; Students B **strongly** believe they won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ENERGY SOURCES:** What do you know about these energy sources? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
Hydroelectricity		
Sonoluminescence		
Antimatter		
Biomass		
Fusion power		
Fuel cells		

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

**6. GLOBAL WARMING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to prevent global warming at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Drive less
- Go solar
- Recycle
- Reduce waste
- Use less hot water
- Plant a tree
- Eat less meat
- Turn off lights

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| 1. capture | a. Something that is not wanted; the things that are unused or left over.                          |
| 2. process | b. Get or take something to keep and use.  |
| 3. waste   | c. Keeping things somewhere so they can be used later.   |
| 4. storing | d. Damage someone or something.  |
| 5. harm    | e. The different actions and steps that are needed to do or make something.                        |
| 6. fuel    | f. How much money you need to do something or to buy something.                                    |
| 7. cost    | g. Things like coal, gas, or oil that is burned to produce heat or power for our homes, cars, etc. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8. sucking          | h. Things like water, oil, milk, etc. that can spread over places, or flow along things. |
| 9. liquid           | i. Hopeful and confident about the future.   |
| 10. combined        | j. Pulling air into your mouth; pulling air or other things into something.              |
| 11. founder         | k. Joined; mixed.  |
| 12. optimistic      | l. Fight; take action to reduce, destroy, or stop something or someone.                  |
| 13. combat          | m. The person who first started a company, university, organisation, etc.                |
| 14. in the long run | n. Far into the future.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

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

- a. A French company is turning CO<sub>2</sub> in the air into fuel. **T / F**
- b. Carbon capture is the processing of waste CO<sub>2</sub>. **T / F**
- c. The fuel made from carbon capture could be carbon neutral. **T / F**
- d. The new method could cost less than \$100 per ton of captured carbon. **T / F**
- e. The new carbon capture process sucks air to extract CO<sub>2</sub>. **T / F**
- f. The new technology will not be able to make jet fuel. **T / F**
- g. A professor said carbon capture technology is 100 years old. **T / F**
- h. The professor said carbon capture was a "magical cheap solution". **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>process</b>    | a. hopeful      |
| 2. <b>plants</b>     | b. advance      |
| 3. <b>storing</b>    | c. eradicating  |
| 4. <b>step</b>       | d. factories    |
| 5. <b>greatly</b>    | e. evaluation   |
| 6. <b>combined</b>   | f. fix          |
| 7. <b>optimistic</b> | g. technique    |
| 8. <b>analysis</b>   | h. considerably |
| 9. <b>solution</b>   | i. keeping      |
| 10. <b>removing</b>  | j. amalgamated  |

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

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. they are close to making       | a. run                 |
| 2. from places like power         | b. ton captured        |
| 3. This could be a big            | c. industrial towers   |
| 4. they have greatly              | d. plants              |
| 5. cost about \$1,000 per         | e. with hydrogen       |
| 6. sucking air into special       | f. solution            |
| 7. It is then heated and combined | g. carbon capture work |
| 8. optimistic                     | h. reduced the cost    |
| 9. some magical cheap             | i. step forward        |
| 10. removing carbon in the long   | j. about the future    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

Scientists at the Canadian company Carbon Engineering have said they are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to making carbon capture work. Carbon capture is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from places like power plants and then (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it so it does not harm the environment. Carbon Engineering say its scientists are close to capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and turning it into carbon-neutral fuel. This could be a big (5) \_\_\_\_\_ forward in the fight against global warming. The scientists also said they have greatly reduced the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of carbon capture, to as (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as \$94 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured. Many scientists believed carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 per ton (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*process*  
*cost*  
*atmosphere*  
*captured*  
*close*  
*low*  
*storing*  
*step*

The technology works by (9) \_\_\_\_\_ air into special industrial towers. The CO<sub>2</sub> is mixed with an alkaline (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and frozen. It is then heated and combined with hydrogen. This produces liquid fuels (11) \_\_\_\_\_ gasoline and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about the future of this process. He believes his company could help to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change. He said: "After 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can (14) \_\_\_\_\_ say that while air capture is not some magical cheap (15) \_\_\_\_\_, it is a viable and buildable technology for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon in the long (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*optimistic*  
*liquid*  
*solution*  
*combat*  
*like*  
*run*  
*sucking*  
*confidently*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

- 1) Carbon Engineering have said they are close to making carbon \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. captures works
  - b. capture work
  - c. captures work
  - d. capture works
- 2) Carbon capture is the process of capturing \_\_\_\_\_ dioxide
  - a. wasted carbon
  - b. wastes carbon
  - c. wastage carbon
  - d. waste carbon
- 3) close to capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and turning it into \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. carbon-new-trail fuel
  - b. carbon-nutrient fuel
  - c. carbon-natural fuel
  - d. carbon-neutral fuel
- 4) scientists also said they have greatly reduced the cost of carbon capture, \_\_\_\_\_ \$94
  - a. tours lowers
  - b. to as lowers
  - c. to as low as
  - d. to us allows
- 5) Many scientists believed carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. per ton captured
  - b. par ton captured
  - c. pre ton captured
  - d. pro ton captured
- 6) The technology works by sucking air into \_\_\_\_\_ towers
  - a. specially industrial
  - b. special industrial
  - c. special industrially
  - d. specially industrially
- 7) He believes his company could help to \_\_\_\_\_ change
  - a. combative climate
  - b. combat climate
  - c. combating climate
  - d. combated climate
- 8) After 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can \_\_\_\_\_ that
  - a. confident and say
  - b. confident to say
  - c. confidently say
  - d. confidence to say
- 9) while air capture is not some magical \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. chip solution
  - b. cheap solution
  - c. sheet solution
  - d. cheat solution
- 10) producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the long runner
  - b. in the long run
  - c. in the long runs
  - d. in the long running

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

Scientists at the Canadian company Carbon Engineering have said they are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ carbon capture work. Carbon capture is the process of capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from (2) \_\_\_\_\_ plants and then storing it so it does not harm the environment. Carbon Engineering say its scientists (3) \_\_\_\_\_ capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and turning it into carbon-neutral fuel. This could be a big (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the fight against global warming. The scientists also said they have greatly (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of carbon capture, to as low as \$94 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured. Many scientists believed carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The technology (7) \_\_\_\_\_ air into special industrial towers. The CO<sub>2</sub> is mixed with an alkaline (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It is then heated and combined with hydrogen. This produces (9) \_\_\_\_\_ gasoline and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was optimistic about the future of this process. He believes his company could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change. He said: "After 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can confidently say that while air capture is not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ solution, it is a viable and buildable technology for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

1. Where is the carbon capture company from?
2. Where is CO<sub>2</sub> usually captured from?
3. What could this technology help in the fight against?
4. How much do scientists think they can capture a ton of carbon for?
5. How much did scientists used to think a ton of captured CO<sub>2</sub> cost?
6. What is air sucked into?
7. What is the CO<sub>2</sub> mixed with?
8. What fuels can the process produce?
9. What kind of solution did a professor say carbon change was not?
10. When did the professor say carbon-neutral fuels could be produced?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

- 1) Where is the carbon capture company from?
  - a) France
  - b) Canada
  - c) Brazil
  - d) New Zealand
- 2) Where is CO<sub>2</sub> usually captured from?
  - a) car engines
  - b) the stratosphere
  - c) the sea
  - d) power plants
- 3) What could this technology help in the fight against?
  - a) companies
  - b) costs
  - c) global warming
  - d) government regulations
- 4) How much do scientists think they can capture a ton of carbon for?
  - a) \$94
  - b) \$104
  - c) \$114
  - d) \$124
- 5) How much did scientists used to think a ton of captured CO<sub>2</sub> cost?
  - a) \$10,000
  - b) \$1,000
  - c) \$100
  - d) \$1.100
- 6) What is air sucked into?
  - a) special industrial towers
  - b) the atmosphere
  - c) the stratosphere
  - d) cooling machines
- 7) What is the CO<sub>2</sub> mixed with?
  - a) nitrogen
  - b) salt
  - c) alkaline
  - d) acid
- 8) What fuels can the process produce?
  - a) gasoline and jet fuel
  - b) kerosene and rocket fuel
  - c) diesel and kerosene
  - d) oil and coal
- 9) What kind of solution did a professor say carbon change was not?
  - a) a practical solution
  - b) a quick-fix solution
  - c) an easy solution
  - d) a magical, cheap solution
- 10) When did the professor say carbon-neutral fuels could be produced?
  - a) the long run
  - b) any time soon
  - c) the immediate future
  - d) once in a blue moon

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

## **Role A – Go Solar**

You think going solar is the best way to stop global warming. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): reducing waste, planting trees or eating less meat.

## **Role B – Reduce Waste**

You think reducing waste is the best way to stop global warming. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): going solar, planting trees or eating less meat.

## **Role C – Plant Trees**

You think planting trees is the best way to stop global warming. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): reducing waste, going solar or eating less meat.

## **Role D – Eat Less Meat**

You think eating less meat is the best way to stop global warming. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): reducing waste, planting trees or going solar.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

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

carbon	capture

- 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>• making</li><li>• places</li><li>• harm</li><li>• step</li><li>• greatly</li><li>• believed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• special</li><li>• frozen</li><li>• founder</li><li>• combat</li><li>• 100</li><li>• run</li></ul>
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# CARBON CAPTURE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

Write five GOOD questions about carbon capture 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.

# CARBON CAPTURE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'carbon'?
3. What is carbon?
4. How exciting is carbon capture?
5. What does your country do to cut CO<sub>2</sub>?
6. What things produce CO<sub>2</sub>?
7. What can we do to fight global warming?
8. What is a carbon-neutral fuel?
9. How useful is a carbon-neutral fuel?
10. What will happen when fossil fuels run out?

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# CARBON CAPTURE DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'capture'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What harm does carbon dioxide do the environment?
15. What do you do to cut CO<sub>2</sub>?
16. How useful do you think this process could be?
17. How optimistic are you about our planet's future?
18. What other carbon-neutral energy sources are there?
19. Will Earth ever recover from human activity?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

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The technology works (7) \_\_\_\_\_ sucking air into special industrial towers. The CO<sub>2</sub> is mixed with an alkaline liquid and frozen. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ then heated and combined with hydrogen. This produces liquid fuels (9) \_\_\_\_\_ gasoline and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was optimistic about the future of this process. He believes his company could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to combat climate change. He said: "After 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can confidently say that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ air capture is not some magical cheap solution, it is a viable and buildable technology for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon in the long (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

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

- |     |              |             |             |              |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) close    | (b) closing | (c) closet  | (d) closed   |
| 2.  | (a) by       | (b) in      | (c) of      | (d) at       |
| 3.  | (a) such     | (b) to      | (c) so      | (d) that     |
| 4.  | (a) turn     | (b) turned  | (c) turns   | (d) turning  |
| 5.  | (a) grated   | (b) grate   | (c) greatly | (d) grateful |
| 6.  | (a) small    | (b) low     | (c) reduce  | (d) cut      |
| 7.  | (a) of       | (b) by      | (c) for     | (d) from     |
| 8.  | (a) be       | (b) is      | (c) does    | (d) has      |
| 9.  | (a) such     | (b) similar | (c) like    | (d) as       |
| 10. | (a) helps    | (b) helper  | (c) helping | (d) help     |
| 11. | (a) whenever | (b) which   | (c) was     | (d) while    |
| 12. | (a) marathon | (b) jog     | (c) sprint  | (d) run      |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. Carbon capture is the erpssco
2. sweta carbon dioxide
3. harm the nmitnvreoe
4. its nsicteisst are close
5. This could be a big step oafdrw
6. greatly cddueer the cost

## Paragraph 2

7. special iulrntasdi towers
8. mixed with an alkaline uqilid
9. fuels like oailsgen and jet fuel
10. Professor David Keith was ittoiscipm
11. 100 years of paatrccil engineering
12. not some magical cheap soilonut

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to capturing CO2 from the atmosphere and turning it into carbon-neutral fuel. This could be a big step
- ( ) then storing it so it does not harm the environment. Carbon Engineering say its scientists are close
- ( **1** ) Scientists at the Canadian company Carbon Engineering have said they are close to making carbon capture
- ( ) for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon in the long run."
- ( ) 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis, we can confidently
- ( ) say that while air capture is not some magical cheap solution, it is a viable and buildable technology
- ( ) forward in the fight against global warming. The scientists also said they have greatly
- ( ) The technology works by sucking air into special industrial towers. The CO2 is mixed with an
- ( ) of this process. He believes his company could help to combat climate change. He said: "After
- ( ) and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was optimistic about the future
- ( ) scientists believed carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 per ton captured.
- ( ) reduced the cost of carbon capture, to as low as \$94 per ton of CO2 captured. Many
- ( ) work. Carbon capture is the process of capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO2) from places like power plants and
- ( ) alkaline liquid and frozen. It is then heated and combined with hydrogen. This produces liquid fuels like gasoline

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

1. making carbon are work . to capture close They
2. it doesn't it environment . harm Storing the so
3. close are to scientists Its CO2 . capturing
4. the greatly cost . reduced have they Scientists said
5. capture ton . about would per cost \$1,000 Carbon
6. an alkaline with The is mixed liquid . CO2
7. this of process . Optimistic future the about
8. company could climate combat to help change . His
9. capture cheap solution . is not magical Air some
10. future . in fuels Producing immediate carbon-neutral the

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180611-carbon-capture.html>

Scientists at the Canadian company Carbon Engineering have said they are *close / closing* to making carbon capture work. Carbon capture is the process *of / by* capturing waste carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from *place / places* like power plants and then storing it so it does not *harm / harmful* the environment. Carbon Engineering say its scientists are close *for / to* capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and *turning / tuning* it into carbon-neutral fuel. This could be a big *walk / step* forward in the fight against global warming. The scientists also said they have *greatly / grated* reduced the cost of carbon capture, to as *lower / low* as \$94 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> captured. Many scientists *believed / belief* carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 per ton captured.

The technology works by *soaking / sucking* air into special industrial towers. The CO<sub>2</sub> is mixed *of / with* an alkaline liquid and frozen. It is then *hated / heated* and combined with hydrogen. This produces liquid fuels *such / like* gasoline and jet fuel. The founder of Carbon Engineering, Professor David Keith, was *optimistic / optimism* about the future of this process. He believes his company could help to *combat / combative* climate change. He said: "After 100 years *of / off* practical engineering and cost analysis, we can confidently say that while air capture is not *same / some* magical cheap solution, it is a *viable / fable* and buildable technology for producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future, and for removing carbon in the long *walk / run*."

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the technology works by sucking air into special industrial towers the co2 is mixed with an alkaline liquid and frozen it is then heated and combined with hydrogen this produces liquid fuels like gasoline and jet fuel the founder of carbon engineering professor david keith was optimistic about the future of this process he believes his company could help to combat climate change he said after 100 years of practical engineering and cost analysis we can confidently say that while air capture is not some magical cheap solution it is a viable and buildable technology for producing carbonneutral fuels in the immediate future and for removing carbon in the long run"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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Scientists will reverse global warming. Discuss.

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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CARBON CAPTURE:** Make a poster about carbon capture. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. NO FOSSIL FUELS:** Write a magazine article about ending the use of fossil fuels. 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 carbon capture. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to help fight climate change. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. e    3. a    4. c    5. d    6. g    7. f  
8. j    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. n

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. process    | a. technique    |
| 2. plants     | b. factories    |
| 3. storing    | c. keeping      |
| 4. step       | d. advance      |
| 5. greatly    | e. considerably |
| 6. combined   | f. amalgamated  |
| 7. optimistic | g. hopeful      |
| 8. analysis   | h. evaluation   |
| 9. solution   | i. fix          |
| 10. removing  | j. eradicating  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Canada
2. Power plants
3. Global warming
4. \$94
5. \$1,000
6. Special industrial towers
7. An alkaline liquid
8. Gasoline and jet fuel
9. A magical, cheap solution
10. In the immediate future

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. They are close to making carbon capture work.
2. Storing it so it doesn't harm the environment.
3. Its scientists are close to capturing CO2.
4. Scientists said they have greatly reduced the cost.
5. Carbon capture would cost about \$1,000 per ton.
6. The CO2 is mixed with an alkaline liquid.
7. Optimistic about the future of this process.
8. His company could help to combat climate change.
9. Air capture is not some magical cheap solution.
10. Producing carbon-neutral fuels in the immediate future.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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