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**Level 5 – 24th June, 2019**

## **Zero-carbon power bigger than fossil fuels in UK**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190624-zero-carbon-fuels-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190624-zero-carbon-fuels-5.html>

The UK is playing its part in working towards a cleaner and greener planet. For the first time since the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, more of the UK's energy is from zero-carbon fuels than fossil fuels. In each of the first five months of 2019, fossil fuels produced less than half of the UK's electricity. A "tipping point" has been reached and the trend of using more zero-carbon energy sources than fossil fuels will continue. Power from wind, solar, nuclear and hydro sources will outstrip coal and gas. A decade ago, three quarters of the UK's electricity came from fossil fuels.

The UK's energy chief executive said the use of more renewables was a "key milestone on the journey towards net zero". He said the zero-carbon share should increase to 90 per cent by the 2030s. The UK's Prime Minister said the UK would reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The UK would be the first major economy to do this. An energy analyst told the BBC that the milestone was a tribute to technologists who solved the technical problems of climate change. He said net zero means jobs will be lost in fossil fuel industries and created in low-carbon industries.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2019/06/21/2019-first-year-zero-carbon-outstrips-fossil-fuels-10023149/?ito=cbshare>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-48711649>  
<https://www.iflscience.com/environment/britain-now-generates-more-power-zero-carbon-sources-fossil-fuels/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190624-zero-carbon-fuels-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. working towards a cleaner and | a. of the UK's electricity |
| 2. For the first time since the  | b. coal and gas            |
| 3. the UK's energy is from zero- | c. first five months       |
| 4. In each of the                | d. of using more           |
| 5. produced less than half       | e. ago                     |
| 6. the trend                     | f. carbon fuels            |
| 7. hydro sources will outstrip   | g. greener planet          |
| 8. A decade                      | h. Industrial Revolution   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the use of more renewables   | a. technical problems  |
| 2. the journey                  | b. analyst             |
| 3. increase to 90 per cent      | c. industries          |
| 4. reach net zero carbon        | d. by the 2030s        |
| 5. An energy                    | e. towards net zero    |
| 6. technologists who solved the | f. will be lost        |
| 7. He said net zero means jobs  | g. emissions by 2050   |
| 8. low-carbon                   | h. was a key milestone |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is playing its (1) \_\_\_\_\_ towards a cleaner and greener planet. For the first (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, more of the UK's energy is from zero-carbon fuels than fossil fuels. In (3) \_\_\_\_\_ first five months of 2019, fossil fuels produced less than half of the UK's electricity. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ has been reached and the trend of using more zero-carbon energy (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fuels will continue. Power from wind, solar, nuclear and hydro sources will outstrip coal and gas. A decade ago, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK's electricity came from fossil fuels.

The UK's energy chief executive said the use (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was a "key milestone on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ net zero". He said the zero-carbon share should increase to 90 per cent by the 2030s. The UK's Prime Minister said the UK would (9) \_\_\_\_\_ carbon emissions by 2050. The UK would be the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to do this. An energy analyst told the BBC that the milestone was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ technologists who solved the technical problems of climate change. He said net zero means jobs will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ fuel industries and created in low-carbon industries.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ZERO-CARBON FUELS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190624-zero-carbon-fuels-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about zero-carbon fuels 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) \_\_\_\_\_

