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Level 4 – 24th September, 2020

Airbus unveils plans for zero-emission planes

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200924-zero-emission-aircraft-4.html>

Airbus has unveiled big plans for the first zero-emission aircraft. It predicts its hydrogen-powered airplanes could be flying by 2035. Hydrogen is a move away from battery power, which many in the industry believe is the answer for carbon-zero airplanes. Batteries could be problematic for larger airplanes. Airbus said the switch to hydrogen needs "decisive action from the entire aviation ecosystem". This means redesigned airports and ways of refuelling.

Airbus showed three "ZEROe" designs and will select one of them. It said this was "a historic moment for the aviation sector". It added it would "play a leading role in the most important transition" the industry has ever seen. Hydrogen fuel has the potential to greatly reduce aviation's impact on the climate. Airbus said: "We can rise up to this challenge to scale up renewable energy and hydrogen for the sustainable future of the aviation industry."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-54242176>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Airbus has | a. action |
| 2. Hydrogen is a move away | b. problematic |
| 3. which many in the industry believe | c. airports |
| 4. Batteries could be | d. from battery power |
| 5. the switch | e. ecosystem |
| 6. decisive | f. is the answer |
| 7. the entire aviation | g. unveiled big plans |
| 8. This means redesigned | h. to hydrogen |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. select | a. to this challenge |
| 2. this was a historic | b. sector |
| 3. the aviation | c. industry |
| 4. it would play | d. one of them |
| 5. rise up | e. future |
| 6. scale | f. a leading role |
| 7. for the sustainable | g. up renewable energy |
| 8. the aviation | h. moment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200924-zero-emission-aircraft-4.html>

Airbus has (1) _____ for the first zero-emission aircraft.

It predicts its hydrogen-powered airplanes could

(2) _____ 2035. Hydrogen is a move away from battery

power, which many in the (3) _____ the answer for

carbon-zero airplanes. Batteries could (4) _____ larger

airplanes. Airbus said the switch to hydrogen (5) _____

from the entire aviation ecosystem". This means redesigned airports and

(6) _____.

Airbus showed three "ZEROe" designs and (7) _____ of

them. It said this was "a historic moment for (8) _____

". It added it would "(9) _____ role in the most

important transition" the (10) _____ seen. Hydrogen

fuel has the potential to greatly reduce aviation's impact on the climate.

Airbus said: "We can rise up to this (11) _____ up

renewable energy and hydrogen for the sustainable future of

(12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ZERO-EMISSION AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about zero-emission airplanes 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) _____

