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**Level 4** – 15th February, 2021

## Shell says it is past peak oil production

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210215-oil-production-4.html>

The oil company Shell has passed its peak production. Its production peaked in 2019. Production is falling, a year ahead of Shell's forecasts. In 2015, it predicted peak demand would be in 2020. The company expects a drop of two per cent per year. Shell will also cut the number of its oil refineries from 14 to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce.

Shell will shift to renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It wants to have net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. It will diversify into providing energy. It will explore green technologies such as carbon capture and electric vehicle charging stations. Shell's CEO wants to give customers the products and services they want, that have the lowest environmental impact. He said: "We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products...is strongest."

Sources: [https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1131263\\_shell-admits-it-s-past-peak-oil-eyes-carbon-offsets-as-a-business-opportunity](https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1131263_shell-admits-it-s-past-peak-oil-eyes-carbon-offsets-as-a-business-opportunity)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210215-oil-production-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Its production          | a. two per cent      |
| 2. Production is           | b. around 9,000 jobs |
| 3. a year ahead of Shell's | c. falling           |
| 4. a drop of               | d. of its workforce  |
| 5. Shell will also         | e. peaked in 2019    |
| 6. oil                     | f. cut the number    |
| 7. This means the loss of  | g. refineries        |
| 8. more than 10 per cent   | h. forecasts         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Shell will shift              | a. capture            |
| 2. net-zero carbon               | b. is strongest       |
| 3. carbon                        | c. services they want |
| 4. electric vehicle charging     | d. emissions          |
| 5. the products and              | e. in markets         |
| 6. have the lowest environmental | f. to renewables      |
| 7. We will grow                  | g. impact             |
| 8. demand for cleaner products   | h. stations           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The oil company Shell has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ production. Its production peaked in 2019. Production is falling, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Shell's forecasts. In 2015, it predicted peak (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020. The company expects a drop of two per cent per year. Shell will also cut (4) \_\_\_\_\_ its oil refineries from 14 to six. This means (5) \_\_\_\_\_ around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Shell (7) \_\_\_\_\_ renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It wants to have net-zero (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2050. It will diversify into providing energy. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ technologies such as carbon capture and electric vehicle charging stations. Shell's CEO wants (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the products and services they want, that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ environmental impact. He said: "We will...grow in markets where demand (12) \_\_\_\_\_...is strongest."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# OIL PRODUCTION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210215-oil-production-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about oil production 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) \_\_\_\_\_

