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Level 5 – 15th February, 2021

Shell says it is past peak oil production

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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/2102/210215-oil-production-5.html>

The oil company Shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil. Shell said that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The days of declining output have started. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak demand would be in 2020. The company expects a drop of up to two per cent production per year. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce 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 is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It wants to have net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. It wants to diversify into providing energy rather than extracting fossil fuels. It wants to explore green technologies such as carbon capture and electric vehicle charging stations. Shell's CEO vowed to create half a million EV charging points by 2025. He said: "We must give our customers the products and services they want - products that have the lowest environmental impact. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and services is strongest."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. declining | a. in 2020 |
| 2. The fall comes a year ahead | b. around 9,000 jobs |
| 3. peak demand would be | c. of Shell's forecasts |
| 4. The company expects a drop of | d. workforce |
| 5. Shell would | e. up to two per cent |
| 6. oil | f. output |
| 7. the loss of | g. refineries |
| 8. more than 10 per cent of its | h. reduce the number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Shell is shifting its focus onto | a. fuels |
| 2. reducing its carbon | b. impact |
| 3. net-zero carbon | c. diversify |
| 4. It wants to | d. and services |
| 5. extracting fossil | e. capture |
| 6. carbon | f. footprint |
| 7. have the lowest environmental | g. renewables |
| 8. cleaner products | h. emissions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The oil company Shell has announced (1) _____ its peak production of oil. Shell said that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The (2) _____ output have started. The fall comes a (3) _____ Shell's forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak demand would be in 2020. The company (4) _____ of up to two per cent production per year. The announcement included news that Shell would (5) _____ of its oil refineries from 14 to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent (6) _____.

Shell is shifting (7) _____ renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It wants to have net-zero (8) _____ 2050. It wants to diversify into providing energy rather than extracting fossil fuels. It (9) _____ green technologies such as carbon capture and electric vehicle charging stations. Shell's CEO (10) _____ half a million EV charging points by 2025. He said: "We must give our customers the products and (11) _____ - products that have the lowest environmental impact. We will...grow in markets where demand (12) _____ and services 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) _____

