

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 6 – 15th February, 2021

Shell says it is past peak oil production

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

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

Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash (/) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

Please try Levels 4 and 5 (they are easier).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE ARTICLE

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

The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil. The days of increasing oil production are over and the decline in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The "high point" of Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million barrels per day. It now expects an annual drop of up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of its oil refineries from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce.

Shell said it is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to diversify into becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels. It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such as carbon capture. It has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden 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."

Sources: https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1131263_shell-admits-it-s-past-peak-oil-eyes-carbon-offsets-as-a-business-opportunity
<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-9250857/Oil-production-passed-peak-admits-Shell.html>
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-shell-results-idUSKBN27E119>

WARM-UPS

1. OIL PRODUCTION: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about oil production. 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?

energy / giant / peak / production / oil / decline / forecast / demand / oil refineries
focus / renewables / net-zero / carbon emissions / fossil fuels / charging points

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

3. FOSSIL FUELS: Students A **strongly** believe we should end the use of all fossil fuels by the end of this decade; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RENEWABLES: What do you know about these renewables? How good are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Good They Are
Wind power		
Hydro power		
Solar energy		
Geothermal energy		
Bioenergy		
Tidal power		

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

6. OIL PRODUCTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Soap
- Tyres
- Dyes
- Plastic bottles
- Combs
- Golf balls
- Shower curtains
- Water pipes

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. announced | a. A large, cylindrical container used to store liquids like oil or beer. |
| 2. decline | b. An official statement issued to newspapers giving information on a particular matter. |
| 3. press release | c. A gradual and continuous loss of strength, numbers, quality, or value. |
| 4. expect | d. An industrial factory-type building where a substance is developed and improved. |
| 5. barrel | e. Made a public declaration about a fact, occurrence, or intention. |
| 6. forecast | f. Regard something as likely to happen. |
| 7. refineries | g. A prediction or estimate of future events, especially coming weather or a financial trend. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. shifting | h. The production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation. |
| 9. renewables | i. The process of trapping CO2 and storing it. |
| 10. pledged | j. Make or become more varied. |
| 11. emissions | k. Sources of energy that are not used up, such as water, wind, or solar power. |
| 12. diversify | l. The action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another. |
| 13. carbon capture | m. Changing, especially unpredictably. |
| 14. impact | n. Committed a person or organization by a big promise. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article says the decline in oil production has started. **T / F**
- b. Shell said oil production peaked in 2019. **T / F**
- c. Shell forecast that oil production would drop by 2 per cent a year. **T / F**
- d. Shell will close 14 of its oil refineries. **T / F**
- e. Shell said it would change its focus to renewables. **T / F**
- f. Shell said it wants to have net-zero carbon emissions by 2040. **T / F**
- g. Shell wants to install over a million EV charging points by 2025. **T / F**
- h. Shell said it would focus on clearer, stronger products. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. peak | a. promised |
| 2. decline | b. yearly |
| 3. expects | c. changing |
| 4. annual | d. decrease |
| 5. workforce | e. supply |
| 6. shifting | f. height |
| 7. relying | g. effect |
| 8. provide | h. personnel |
| 9. vowed | i. supposes |
| 10. impact | j. depending |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. it has passed its peak | a. on fossil fuels |
| 2. The days of increasing oil production | b. its workforce |
| 3. a press | c. stations |
| 4. the company predicted the peak | d. onto renewables |
| 5. more than 10 per cent of | e. are over |
| 6. it is shifting its focus | f. energy provider |
| 7. diversify into becoming an | g. of global oil demand |
| 8. rather than relying | h. production of oil |
| 9. provide electric vehicle charging | i. environmental impact |
| 10. products that have the lowest | j. release |

GAP FILL

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

The energy (1) _____ Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its (2) _____ production of oil. The days of increasing oil production are over and the (3) _____ in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The "high (4) _____ " of Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million barrels per day. It now expects an (5) _____ drop of up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company (6) _____ the peak of global oil demand would be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of its oil (7) _____ from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its (8) _____.

Shell said it is (9) _____ its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It (10) _____ to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to (11) _____ into becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels. It has been (12) _____ exploring new, green technologies such as carbon capture. It has also been buying companies that provide electric (13) _____ charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden vowed to create half a million EV charging (14) _____ by 2025. He said: "We must give our customers the products and services they want - products that have the lowest environmental (15) _____. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and services is (16) _____."

decline
annual
refineries
giant
point
workforce
peak
predicted

diversify
vehicle
strongest
shifting
actively
impact
pledged
points

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its peak _____
 - a. production offshore oil
 - b. production offer oil
 - c. production have oil
 - d. production of oil
- 2) The "high point" of Shell's oil production reached around _____
 - a. 1.7 million barrels
 - b. 1.7 million burrows
 - c. 1.7 million bevels
 - d. 1.7 million broils
- 3) In 2015, the company predicted the peak of _____
 - a. global oil demands
 - b. global oil demand
 - c. global oil demanded
 - d. global oil demanding
- 4) included news that Shell would reduce the number of _____
 - a. its oil refines arise
 - b. its oil reef fineries
 - c. its oil refineries
 - d. its oil reef wineries
- 5) the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent _____
 - a. of its works force
 - b. of its workforce
 - c. of its worker farce
 - d. of its work farce
- 6) Shell said it is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing _____
 - a. its carbon footprint
 - b. its carbon thumbprint
 - c. its carbon hoof print
 - d. its carbon imprint
- 7) It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon _____
 - a. emission by 2050
 - b. emissions bye 2050
 - c. emissions buy 2050
 - d. emissions by 2050
- 8) It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such _____
 - a. as carbon rapture
 - b. as carbon enrapture
 - c. as carbon rupture
 - d. as carbon capture
- 9) Shell CEO Ben van Beurden vowed to create half a million _____
 - a. EV charging points
 - b. EV charge in points
 - c. EV char gin points
 - d. EV char ginger points
- 10) We will grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and _____
 - a. service is strongest
 - b. services strongest
 - c. serve vices is strongest
 - d. services is strongest

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

(1) _____ Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil. The (2) _____ oil production are over and the decline in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The (3) _____ Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million barrels per day. It now expects an (4) _____ up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak (5) _____ demand would be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of its oil refineries from 14 sites to six. This means (6) _____ around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce.

Shell said it is (7) _____ onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants (8) _____ becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels. It has (9) _____ new, green technologies such as carbon capture. It has also been buying companies (10) _____ vehicle charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden vowed to create half a million EV charging points by 2025. He said: "We must (11) _____ the products and services they want - products that have the lowest environmental impact. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the full name of the Shell oil company?
2. When did Shell say it had passed peak production?
3. How many barrels a day did Shell produce at its peak?
4. In what year did Shell expect to hit peak demand?
5. How many oil refineries will Shell close?
6. What does Shell want to shift its focus to?
7. By when does Shell want to achieve net-zero carbon emissions?
8. What does Shell hope to do with carbon?
9. How many EV charging points does Shell want to create?
10. What does Shell want to have the lowest impact on?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the full name of the Shell oil company?
 - a) Shell Royal Dutch
 - b) Royal Dutch Shell
 - c) Royal Shell Dutch
 - d) Dutch Royal Shell
- 2) When did Shell say it had passed peak production?
 - a) in 2017
 - b) in 2018
 - c) in 2020
 - d) in 2019
- 3) How many barrels a day did Shell produce at its peak?
 - a) around 1.7 million
 - b) exactly 1.7 million
 - c) just under 1.7 million
 - d) just over 1.7 million
- 4) In what year did Shell expect to hit peak demand?
 - a) 2021
 - b) 2025
 - c) 2020
 - d) 2026
- 5) How many oil refineries will Shell close?
 - a) 7
 - b) 8
 - c) 5
 - d) 9
- 6) What does Shell want to shift its focus to?
 - a) renewables
 - b) biofuels
 - c) technology
 - d) web services
- 7) By when does Shell want to achieve net-zero carbon emissions?
 - a) 2060
 - b) 2040
 - c) 2050
 - d) 2030
- 8) What does Shell hope to do with carbon?
 - a) capture it
 - b) destroy it
 - c) change it to nitrogen
 - d) experiment on it
- 9) How many EV charging points does Shell want to create?
 - a) half a million
 - b) 250,000
 - c) 5,000,000
 - d) fifty thousand
- 10) What does Shell want to have the lowest impact on?
 - a) the bottom line
 - b) its profits
 - c) oil reserves
 - d) the environment

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Soap

You think soap is the most important oil product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tyres, golf balls or shower curtains.

Role B – Tyres

You think tyres are the most important oil product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): soap, golf balls or shower curtains.

Role C – Golf Balls

You think golf balls are the most important oil product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tyres, soap or shower curtains.

Role D – Shower Curtains

You think shower curtains are the most important oil product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their products aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tyres, golf balls or soap.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

oil	production
------------	-------------------

- 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">• giant• over• 2019• 1.7• 2015• 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• focus• 2050• fossil• capture• give• grow
---	---

OIL PRODUCTION SURVEY

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

OIL PRODUCTION 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 'peak'?
3. What do you know about the company Shell?
4. How important do you think oil is?
5. What do you think of oil production being past its peak.
6. What do we need oil for?
7. How would the world change if we didn't use oil?
8. What damage has oil done to the world?
9. What can Shell's workforce do once they lose their jobs?
10. What do you know about the uses of oil?

Shell says it is past peak oil production – 15th February, 2021
Thousands more free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

OIL PRODUCTION 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 'oil'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about renewables?
15. What are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?
16. What is your country doing to reduce its carbon footprint?
17. How can we achieve net-zero carbon emissions?
18. What do you think of electric cars?
19. What clean energies are best?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Shell CEO?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2021

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/2102/210215-oil-production.html>

The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has (1) _____ its peak production of oil. The days of increasing oil production are over and the decline (2) _____ output has started. Shell said in a (3) _____ release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The "high point" of Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million (4) _____ per day. It now expects an (5) _____ drop of up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of its oil (6) _____ from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce.

Shell said it is (7) _____ its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to (8) _____ into becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels. It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such as carbon (9) _____. It has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden (10) _____ to create half a million EV charging (11) _____ by 2025. He said: "We must give our customers the products and services they want - products that have the lowest environmental (12) _____. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and services is strongest."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) past | (b) pasted | (c) parsed | (d) passed |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) by | (d) in |
| 3. | (a) pull | (b) press | (c) push | (d) squash |
| 4. | (a) cartons | (b) containers | (c) barrels | (d) boxes |
| 5. | (a) annual | (b) annually | (c) annul | (d) annuals |
| 6. | (a) refineries | (b) refines | (c) refined | (d) refunds |
| 7. | (a) sifting | (b) sieving | (c) shafting | (d) shifting |
| 8. | (a) diversify | (b) qualify | (c) nullify | (d) intensify |
| 9. | (a) catapult | (b) capture | (c) creature | (d) culture |
| 10. | (a) wowed | (b) cowed | (c) vowed | (d) bowed |
| 11. | (a) pockets | (b) plugs | (c) points | (d) poppets |
| 12. | (a) improve | (b) impact | (c) impress | (d) impish |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. udnoacnen it has passed its peak
2. the iceednl in output has started
3. It now expects an ulnnaa drop
4. a year ahead of Shell's initial tesrscfoa
5. the company rpdtcedi the peak
6. reduce the number of its oil reineiesrf

Paragraph 2

7. shifting its focus onto leseberwan
8. achieve net-zero carbon niismsseo
9. it wants to vfdiisyre
10. relying on fsolsi fuels
11. carbon raptecu
12. electric veiechl charging stations

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () are over and the decline in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked
- () to create half a million EV charging points by 2025. He said: "We must give our
- () in 2019". The "high point" of Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million barrels
- () Shell said it is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It pledged to
- () ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would
- () capture. It has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden vowed
- () than relying on fossil fuels. It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such as carbon
- (**1**) The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil. The days of increasing oil production
- () impact. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and services is strongest."
- () customers the products and services they want - products that have the lowest environmental
- () achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to diversify into becoming an energy provider rather
- () be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of its oil
- () refineries from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce.
- () per day. It now expects an annual drop of up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. are increasing of production over . The days oil
2. 2% . expects now an of annual It drop
3. of fall a forecasts . comes ahead The year
4. would reduce the of number Shell refineries . oil
5. of the jobs . means loss This around 9,000
6. renewables . its onto it's said Shell focus shifting
7. net-zero pledged achieve emissions . carbon to It
8. an It energy provider . wants into to diversify
9. charging stations . Buying electric vehicle that provide companies
10. they customers our want . Give the products

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has *renounced* / *announced* it has passed its peak production of oil. The days of increasing oil production are over and the *recline* / *decline* in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The "high point" of Shell's oil production *reached* / *breached* around 1.7 million barrels per day. It now expects *the* / *an* annual drop of up to two per cent per year. The *fall* / *fail* comes a year ahead *of* / *on* Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would *be* / *have* in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would *induce* / *reduce* the number of its oil *refineries* / *refines* from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent *of* / *at* its workforce.

Shell said it is *sifting* / *shifting* its focus onto *renewables* / *renews* and reducing its carbon footprint. It *pledged* / *alleged* to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to diversify *onto* / *into* becoming an energy provider rather than *relying* / *reliance* on fossil fuels. It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such *was* / *as* carbon capture. It has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle *charging* / *charges* stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden *wowed* / *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* / *lowly* environmental impact. We will...grow in markets where demand for cleaner products and services *is* / *are* strongest."

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)

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

Th_ _n_rgy g__nt R_y_l D_tch Sh_ll h_s _nn__nc_d _t h_s p_ss_d _ts p__k pr_d_ct__n _f __l. Th_ d_ys _f _ncr__s_ng __l pr_d_ct__n _r_ _v_r _nd th_ d_cl_n_ _n __tp_t h_s st_rt_d. Sh_ll s__d _n _ pr_ss r_l__s_ th_t, " __l pr_d_ct__n p__k_d _n 2019". Th_ "h_gh p__nt" _f Sh_ll's __l pr_d_ct__n r__ch_d _r__nd 1.7 m_ll__n b_rr_ls p_r d_y. _t n_w _xp_cts _n _nn__l dr_p _f _p t_ tw_ p_r c_nt p_r y__r. Th_ f_ll c_m_s _ y__r _h__d _f Sh_ll's _n_t__l f_r_c_sts. _n 2015, th_ c_m_p_ny pr_d_ct_d th_ p__k _f gl_b_l __l d_m_nd w__ld b_ _n 2020. Th_ _nn__nc_m_nt _ncl_d_d n_ws th_t Sh_ll w__ld r_d_c_ th_ n_m_b_r _f _ts __l r_f_n_r__s fr_m 14 s_t_s t_ s_x. Th_s m__ns th_ l_ss _f _r__nd 9,000 j_bs, _r m_r_ th_n 10 p_r c_nt _f _ts w_rkf_rc_.

Sh_ll s__d _t _s sh_ft_ng _ts f_c_s _nt_ r_n_w_b_l_s _nd r_d_c_ng _ts c_r_b_n f__tpr_nt. _t pl_dg_d t_ _ch__v_ n_t-z_r_ c_r_b_n _m_ss__ns by 2050. Th_ c_m_p_ny s__d _t w_nts t_ d_v_r_s_fy _nt_ b_c_m_ng _n _n_rgy pr_v_d_r r_th_r th_n r_ly_ng _n f_ss_l f__ls. _t h_s b__n _ct_v_ly _xpl_r_ng n_w, gr__n t_chn_l_g__s s_ch _s c_r_b_n c_pt_r_. _t h_s _ls_ b__n b_y_ng c_m_p_n__s th_t pr_v_d_ _l_ctr_c v_h_cl_ ch_rg_ng st_t__ns. Sh_ll C__ B_n v_n B__rd_n v_w_d t_ cr__t_ h_lf _ m_ll__n _V ch_rg_ng p__nts by 2025. H_ s__d: "W_ m_st g_v_ __r c_st_m_rs th_ pr_d_cts _nd s_rv_c_s th_y w_nt - pr_d_cts th_t h_v_ th_ l_w_st _nv_r_nm_nt_l _mp_ct. W_ w_ll...gr_w _n m_rk_ts wh_r_ d_m_nd f_r cl__n_r pr_d_cts _nd s_rv_c_s _s str_ng_st."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

the energy giant royal dutch shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil the days of increasing oil production are over and the decline in output has started shell said in a press release that oil production peaked in 2019 the high point of shells oil production reached around 17 million barrels per day it now expects an annual drop of up to two per cent per year the fall comes a year ahead of shells initial forecasts in 2015 the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would be in 2020 the announcement included news that shell would reduce the number of its oil refineries from 14 sites to six this means the loss of around 9000 jobs or more than 10 per cent of its workforce

shell said it is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint it pledged to achieve netzero carbon emissions by 2050 the company said it wants to diversify into becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels it has been actively exploring new green technologies such as carbon capture it has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations shell ceo ben van beurden 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

The energy giant Royal Dutch Shell has announced it has passed its peak production of oil. The days of increasing oil production are over and the decline in output has started. Shell said in a press release that, "oil production peaked in 2019". The "high point" of Shell's oil production reached around 1.7 million barrels per day. It now expects an annual drop of up to two per cent per year. The fall comes a year ahead of Shell's initial forecasts. In 2015, the company predicted the peak of global oil demand would be in 2020. The announcement included news that Shell would reduce the number of oil refineries from 14 sites to six. This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs, or more than 10 per cent of its workforce. Shell said it is shifting its focus onto renewables and reducing its carbon footprint. It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The company said it wants to diversify into becoming an energy provider rather than relying on fossil fuels. It has been actively exploring new, green technologies such as carbon capture. It has also been buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations. Shell CEO Ben van Beurden 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."

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. OIL PRODUCTION: Make a poster about oil production. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FOSSIL FUELS: Write a magazine article about ending the use of all fossil fuels by the end of this decade. 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 oil production. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on oil. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. j	8. e	9. a	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Royal Dutch Shell
- In 2019
- Around 1.7 million
- 2020
- Eight
- Renewables
- 2050
- Capture it
- Half a million
- The environment

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The days of increasing oil production are over.
- It now expects an annual drop of 2%.
- The fall comes a year ahead of forecasts.
- Shell would reduce the number of oil refineries.
- This means the loss of around 9,000 jobs.
- Shell said it's shifting its focus onto renewables.
- It pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions.
- It wants to diversify into an energy provider.
- Buying companies that provide electric vehicle charging stations.
- Give our customers the products they want.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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