

## G7 leaders promise to build a better world

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The Group of Seven Leaders' Summit has concluded with promises to build back a better world. The leaders even coined a phrase and an abbreviation for their shared vision. It is called the Build

Back Better World plan, shortened to B3W. A fundamental feature of this plan, that has been signed by all G7 leaders, is to embark on a series of global economic initiatives. A White House statement said: "Through B3W, the G7 and other like-minded partners will coordinate in mobilizing private-sector capital in four areas of focus - climate, health and health security, digital technology, and gender equity and equality." It will help fund infrastructure projects and improve trade routes between East Asia and Europe.

The White House also announced plans for other continents. It said: "B3W will be global in scope, from Latin America and the Caribbean to Africa to the Indo-Pacific. Different G7 partners will have different geographic orientations, but the sum of the initiative will cover low- and middle-income countries across the world." Another promise to come from the Summit was to vaccinate a billion people in poorer countries. UK leader Boris Johnson said this was "a big step towards vaccinating the world". Other pledges included improving early warning systems to prepare for future health crises, supporting a green revolution that cuts CO2 emissions, and getting 40 million more girls into education by 2026.

Sources: [cgtn.com](https://www.cgtn.com) / [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) / [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com)

### Writing

It is easy to build a better world. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

promises / a better world / phrase / abbreviation / plan / initiatives / coordinate / fund / continent / global / geographic / promise / vaccinating / health crises / CO2 emissions

### True / False

- 1) A new phrase emerged from the G7 Summit to describe its new plan. T / F
- 2) One of the seven G7 leaders is yet to sign the B3W plan. T / F
- 3) The leaders want to utilise public-sector capital in its plan. T / F
- 4) The White House said the plan would promote gender security. T / F
- 5) The White House announced plans for the Caribbean and Africa. T / F
- 6) The initiatives will help low- and middle-income countries. T / F
- 7) The G7 promised to vaccinate a billion people. T / F
- 8) The G7 said it would educate 40 million more girls by 2026. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>concluded</b>  | a. invented    |
| 2. <b>coined</b>     | b. development |
| 3. <b>shortened</b>  | c. generating  |
| 4. <b>mobilizing</b> | d. made public |
| 5. <b>improve</b>    | e. schooling   |
| 6. <b>announced</b>  | f. total       |
| 7. <b>sum</b>        | g. abbreviated |
| 8. <b>step</b>       | h. get ready   |
| 9. <b>prepare</b>    | i. ended       |
| 10. <b>education</b> | j. upgrade     |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How could the G7 countries help Latin America?
- c) How could the G7 countries help Africa?
- d) Where will we be with the pandemic in a year from now?
- e) What future health crises might appear in the future?
- f) What needs to happen in a 'green revolution'?
- g) How would the world change if more girls were educated?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the G7 leaders?

## Phrase Match

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. coined a phrase and                | a. in scope              |
| 2. A fundamental feature              | b. minded partners       |
| 3. other like-                        | c. routes                |
| 4. It will help fund infrastructure   | d. cuts CO2 emissions    |
| 5. improve trade                      | e. girls into education  |
| 6. B3W will be global                 | f. an abbreviation       |
| 7. a big step towards                 | g. systems               |
| 8. improving early warning            | h. projects              |
| 9. supporting a green revolution that | i. vaccinating the world |
| 10. getting 40 million more           | j. of this plan          |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about the G7 Summit?
- Should Russia, India and China be at the G7 Summit?
- Should the leaders have worn masks?
- What do you think of a 'Build Back Better World' plan?
- Do summits like these ever achieve anything?
- What needs doing to build a better world?
- What do you think China and India think of the G7 Summit?
- Who is your favorite world leader, and why?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. f	8. b	9. h	10. e

## Role Play

### Role A – Global Warming

You think global warming is the biggest issue world leaders need to address. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issue isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): girls' education, vaccinating the world or cyber-security.

### Role B – Girls' Education

You think girls' education is the biggest issue world leaders need to address. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issue isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): global warming, vaccinating the world or cyber-security.

### Role C – Vaccinations

You think vaccinating the world is the biggest issue world leaders need to address. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issue isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): girls' education, global warming or cyber-security.

### Role D – Cyber-Security

You think cyber-security is the biggest issue world leaders need to address. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issue isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): girls' education, vaccinating the world or global warming.

## Speaking – Initiatives

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important issues at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Global warming   | • Health security    |
| • Vaccinations     | • Digital Technology |
| • Girls' education | • Infrastructure     |
| • Gender equality  | • Trade routes       |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.