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## **Michelin makes giant sails to make shipping greener**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

Most people associate the company Michelin with car tyres, guide books and stars for quality restaurants. However, the French tyre maker is now helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. The company has tested giant sails that it hopes will make shipping greener. Shipping currently produces a lot of carbon dioxide as oil tankers, container ships and giant cruise ships rely on fossil fuels to move around the world's oceans. Experts say the industry produces around 940 million tons of CO2 annually, and that it is responsible for about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Michelin's engineers say their revolutionary new sails could reduce the amount of CO2 produced by the shipping industry by 20 per cent.

Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails to tackle the most urgent problem facing the world today - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years to cross oceans or travel along rivers. The new Michelin sails are different. They are inflatable. This means a ship's crew can fill the sails with air to inflate them to full size. The sails can be deflated quickly if a ship needs to sail under a low bridge. The sails Michelin tested are 280 square metres in size. The company hopes to start manufacturing and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our aim is to contribute to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is a free fuel.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SHIPPING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about shipping. 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?

people / company / tyres / stars / sails / oil tankers / experts / greenhouse gas / ship technology / problem / ocean / crew / bridge / company / manufacturing / transport

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

**3. SAILING CARS:** Students A **strongly** believe cars should have sails; Students B **strongly** believe that's a silly idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. GREENER:** How can these things be made greener? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How It Can Be Greener	Will This Happen?
Trains		
Shopping malls		
Libraries		
Airplanes		
Computers		
Houses		

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

**6. GREEN INDUSTRIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the greenest industries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Teaching
- Tourism
- Farming
- Wind farms
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Nuclear power
- Cars

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. associate   | a. Make lower or smaller in number or size.                    |
| 2. quality     | b. At the present time.  |
| 3. currently   | c. A source of power like coal, oil and gas.                   |
| 4. rely        | d. Link someone or something with something else in your mind. |
| 5. fossil fuel | e. Every year.   |
| 6. annually    | f. How good or bad something is.                               |
| 7. reduce      | g. Depend / Totally need something to keep going.              |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. ancient         | h. Changes in weather patterns around the world.                        |
| 9. tackle          | i. Can be filled with air to make it better.                            |
| 10. urgent         | j. Give something (e.g. money or time) to help do or provide something. |
| 11. climate change | k. Make a big effort to make a problem smaller or make it go away.      |
| 12. inflatable     | l. Let the air out of something.  |
| 13. deflated       | m. Needing emergency action now.  |
| 14. contribute     | n. Very, very, very old.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

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

1. Michelin makes tyres and operates restaurants. **T / F**
2. Michelin is making green, blue and red sails for ships. **T / F**
3. The shipping industry causes around 2.5% of greenhouse gasses. **T / F**
4. Michelin's sails could cut CO2 from shipping by 20%. **T / F**
5. The article says sails are ancient technology. **T / F**
6. Boats have been using sails for 15,000 years. **T / F**
7. The new sails cannot go under bridges. **T / F**
8. A Michelin spokesperson said wind power is not free. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>associate</b>     | a. specialists    |
| 2. <b>helping</b>       | b. making         |
| 3. <b>experts</b>       | c. cut            |
| 4. <b>annually</b>      | d. sailors        |
| 5. <b>reduce</b>        | e. assisting      |
| 6. <b>ancient</b>       | f. power source   |
| 7. <b>crew</b>          | g. link           |
| 8. <b>manufacturing</b> | h. representative |
| 9. <b>spokesperson</b>  | i. yearly         |
| 10. <b>fuel</b>         | j. very, very old |

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

- |                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. car                            | a. fuels                  |
| 2. be more environmentally        | b. produced               |
| 3. oil                            | c. metres in size         |
| 4. fossil                         | d. facing the world today |
| 5. reduce the amount of CO2       | e. tankers                |
| 6. tackle the most urgent problem | f. a low bridge           |
| 7. cross                          | g. tyres                  |
| 8. if a ship needs to sail under  | h. about wind             |
| 9. 280 square                     | i. friendly               |
| 10. the good thing                | j. oceans                 |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

Most people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the company Michelin with car tyres, guide books and stars for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants. However, the French tyre maker is now helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. The company has (3) \_\_\_\_\_ giant sails that it hopes will make shipping greener. Shipping currently produces a lot of carbon dioxide as oil tankers, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ships and giant cruise ships rely on fossil fuels to move around the world's oceans. Experts say the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ produces around 940 million tons of CO2 annually, and that it is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Michelin's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ say their revolutionary new sails could reduce the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of CO2 produced by the shipping industry by 20 per cent.

*quality*  
*industry*  
*engineers*  
*tested*  
*amount*  
*associate*  
*responsible*  
*container*

Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the most urgent problem facing the world today - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years to cross (10) \_\_\_\_\_ or travel along rivers. The new Michelin sails are different. They are inflatable. This means a ship's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ can fill the sails with air to inflate them to full size. The sails can be deflated (12) \_\_\_\_\_ if a ship needs to sail under a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ bridge. The sails Michelin tested are 280 square metres in (14) \_\_\_\_\_. The company hopes to start manufacturing and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our aim is to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ fuel.

*low*  
*crew*  
*free*  
*size*  
*tackle*  
*quickly*  
*oceans*  
*contribute*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

- 1) car tyres, guide books and stars \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for quality restaurant
  - b. for quality restaurants
  - c. for qualify restaurants
  - d. for qualify restaurant
- 2) oil tankers, container ships and giant cruise ships rely \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on fossil fuels
  - b. in fossil fuels
  - c. an fossil fuels
  - d. un-fossil fuels
- 3) Experts say the industry produces around 940 million tons \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off CO2 annually
  - b. of CO2 annually
  - c. oft CO2 annually
  - d. over CO2 annually
- 4) it is responsible for about 2.5 per cent of the world's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. greenhouse gas is
  - b. greenhouse gaseous
  - c. greenhouse gasses
  - d. greenhouse gas sis
- 5) their revolutionary new sails could reduce the amount of CO2 produced by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the shipping industry
  - b. the shipping industrial
  - c. the shipping in dust tree
  - d. the shipping industrious
- 6) Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails to tackle the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. most urgently problem
  - b. most urge ant problem
  - c. most urgent problem
  - d. most urgency problem
- 7) Boats have used sails for 5,000 years \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to across oceans
  - b. to cross oceans
  - c. to crossing oceans
  - d. to crossed oceans
- 8) This means a ship's crew can fill the sails with air \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to infiltrate them
  - b. to conflate them
  - c. two in flute them
  - d. to inflate them
- 9) The sails Michelin tested are 280 square \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. metre in size
  - b. metres in size
  - c. metres on size
  - d. metre sin size
- 10) He added that the good thing about wind is that it is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a flea fuel
  - b. a freer fuel
  - c. a freed fuel
  - d. a free fuel

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

Most (1) \_\_\_\_\_ company Michelin with car tyres, guide books and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants. However, the French tyre maker is now helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. The company (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sails that it hopes will make shipping greener. Shipping currently produces a lot of carbon dioxide as oil tankers, container ships and giant cruise ships (4) \_\_\_\_\_ fuels to move around the world's oceans. Experts say the industry produces around 940 million tons (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and that it is responsible for about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Michelin's engineers say their revolutionary new sails could (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of CO2 produced by the shipping industry by 20 per cent.

Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails (7) \_\_\_\_\_ most urgent problem facing the world today - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years (8) \_\_\_\_\_ or travel along rivers. The new Michelin sails are different. They are inflatable. This means a ship's crew can fill the sails with (9) \_\_\_\_\_ them to full size. The sails can be deflated quickly if a ship needs to sail under a low bridge. The sails Michelin tested are 280 square (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The company hopes to start manufacturing and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ to contribute to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

1. What does Michelin give to quality restaurants?
2. What does the article say the shipping industry produces a lot of?
3. What ships were mentioned besides cruise ships and container ships?
4. How much global greenhouse gas is shipping responsible for?
5. How much might Michelin's sails cut the amount of shipping CO2?
6. What does the article say is the world's most urgent problem?
7. For how long have boats used sails?
8. Who will fill the Michelin sails with air?
9. How large are the sails?
10. What did a Michelin spokesperson say was a free fuel?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

- 1) What does Michelin give to quality restaurants?
  - a) reviews
  - b) stars
  - c) free tyres
  - d) money
- 2) What does the article say the shipping industry produces a lot of?
  - a) waves
  - b) jobs
  - c) smoke
  - d) CO2
- 3) What ships were mentioned besides cruise ships and container ships?
  - a) tug boats
  - b) space ships
  - c) oil tankers
  - d) warships
- 4) How much global greenhouse gas is shipping responsible for?
  - a) 2.5%
  - b) 3.5%
  - c) 4.5%
  - d) 5.5%
- 5) How much might Michelin's sails cut the amount of shipping CO2?
  - a) 30%
  - b) 20%
  - c) 10%
  - d) 12%
- 6) What does the article say is the world's most urgent problem?
  - a) climate change
  - b) poverty
  - c) food
  - d) war
- 7) For how long have boats used sails?
  - a) 15,000 years
  - b) 10,000 years
  - c) 5,000 years
  - d) 20,000 years
- 8) Who will fill the Michelin sails with air?
  - a) the ship's crew
  - b) the Michelin boss
  - c) no one
  - d) a special team
- 9) How large are the sails?
  - a) 820 square metres
  - b) 80 square metres
  - c) 20 square metres
  - d) 280 square metres
- 10) What did a Michelin spokesperson say was a free fuel?
  - a) love
  - b) air
  - c) wind
  - d) water

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

## **Role A – Fishing**

You think fishing is the greenest industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries are not so green. Also, tell the others which is the dirtiest of these (and why): tourism, forestry or nuclear power.

## **Role B – Tourism**

You think tourism is the greenest industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries are not so green. Also, tell the others which is the dirtiest of these (and why): fishing, forestry or nuclear power.

## **Role C – Forestry**

You think forestry is the greenest industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries are not so green. Also, tell the others which is the dirtiest of these (and why): tourism, fishing or nuclear power.

## **Role D – Nuclear Power**

You think nuclear power is the greenest industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries are not so green. Also, tell the others which is the dirtiest of these (and why): tourism, forestry or fishing.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

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

<b>green</b>	<b>ship</b>
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- 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"><li>• tour</li><li>• helping</li><li>• rely</li><li>• lot</li><li>• 940</li><li>• could</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ancient</li><li>• 5,000</li><li>• crew</li><li>• 280</li><li>• 2022</li><li>• free</li></ul>
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# SHIPPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about shipping 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.

# SHIPPING 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 'ship'?
3. What do you know about the company Michelin?
4. How important is shipping?
5. How can we make ships more environmentally friendly?
6. What do you think of oil tankers having sails?
7. What are the good and bad things about sails?
8. Does the world need so many luxury cruise ships?
9. How worried are you about CO2?
10. What other things could use sails?

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# SHIPPING 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 'green'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of travel guides?
15. What do you think of boats with sails?
16. Are there other ancient technologies we could use today?
17. What do you think of inflatable sails?
18. Do you think the sails will be successful?
19. What do you think of wind energy?
20. What questions would you like to ask the engineers at Michelin?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

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

- |     |            |                |               |             |
|-----|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) mingle | (b) knowledge  | (c) associate | (d) rubber  |
| 2.  | (a) maker  | (b) baker      | (c) taker     | (d) faker   |
| 3.  | (a) that   | (b) what       | (c) such      | (d) so      |
| 4.  | (a) rely   | (b) delay      | (c) relay     | (d) ply     |
| 5.  | (a) at     | (b) as         | (c) by        | (d) for     |
| 6.  | (a) deuce  | (b) deduce     | (c) induce    | (d) reduce  |
| 7.  | (a) tackle | (b) foul       | (c) deal      | (d) hack    |
| 8.  | (a) steam  | (b) row        | (c) zoom      | (d) cross   |
| 9.  | (a) crew   | (b) clue       | (c) crow      | (d) claw    |
| 10. | (a) on     | (b) in         | (c) at        | (d) by      |
| 11. | (a) view   | (b) contribute | (c) advice    | (d) matter  |
| 12. | (a) free   | (b) freely     | (c) freeze    | (d) freedom |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. stars for itlyqau restaurants
2. carbon dodxiie
3. oilsfs fuels
4. peessnribol for about 2.5 per cent
5. their uelnryvoitaor new sails
6. CO2 produced by the shipping yursdnit

## Paragraph 2

7. nacniet technology
8. cross canseo or travel along rivers
9. fill the sails with air to nlftaie them
10. nfgiauntmucra and selling them
11. Our aim is to ctiterbnou
12. the de-carbonization of maritime orsarntpt

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) manufacturing and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our aim is to
- ( ) gasses. Michelin's engineers say their revolutionary new sails could reduce the amount of CO2 produced by the shipping industry by 20 per cent.
- ( ) Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails to tackle the most urgent problem facing the world
- ( ) produces a lot of carbon dioxide as oil tankers, container ships and giant cruise ships rely
- ( ) contribute to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is a free fuel.
- ( ) restaurants. However, the French tyre maker is now helping ships to be more environmentally
- ( ) friendly. The company has tested giant sails that it hopes will make shipping greener. Shipping currently
- ( ) tons of CO2 annually, and that it is responsible for about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse
- ( ) low bridge. The sails Michelin tested are 280 square metres in size. The company hopes to start
- ( ) today - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years to cross oceans or travel along
- ( ) on fossil fuels to move around the world's oceans. Experts say the industry produces around 940 million
- ( ) rivers. The new Michelin sails are different. They are inflatable. This means a ship's crew can fill the sails with
- ( ) air to inflate them to full size. The sails can be deflated quickly if a ship needs to sail under a
- ( **1** ) Most people associate the company Michelin with car tyres, guide books and stars for quality

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

1. associate tyres . People Michelin with the car company
2. ships more be to environmentally friendly . Helping
3. dioxide . lot produces a currently Shipping carbon of
4. around 940 say produces million industry Experts tons . the
5. of Sails CO2 could the reduce produced . amount
6. using sails . ancient of technology is Michelin the
7. the problem most the Tackle world . facing urgent
8. crew can sails fill ship's air . with A
9. 2022 . selling Michelin start hopes them in to
10. aim to the is contribute to Our de-carbonization .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping.html>

Most people *associates* / *associate* the company Michelin with car tyres, guide books and stars for *quality* / *qualify* restaurants. However, the French tyre maker is now helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. The company has *tested* / *testing* giant sails that it hopes will make shipping greener. Shipping *currently* / *currency* produces a lot of carbon dioxide as oil tankers, container ships and giant *cruised* / *cruise* ships rely on fossil *fuels* / *fuelling* to move around the world's *ocean* / *oceans*. Experts say the industry produces around 940 million tons of CO2 annually, and *that* / *what* it is responsible for about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse *gas* / *gasses*. Michelin's engineers say their revolutionary *newly* / *new* sails could reduce the amount of CO2 produced by the shipping industry by 20 per cent.

Michelin is using the ancient technology *of* / *to* sails to tackle the most urgent problem *facing* / *fading* the world today - climate change. Boats have *used* / *using* sails for 5,000 years to cross oceans or travel *under* / *along* rivers. The new Michelin sails are *difference* / *different*. They are inflatable. This means a ship's crew can fill the sails with air to *inflate* / *inflation* them to full size. The sails can be deflated *quickly* / *quick* if a ship needs to sail under a low bridge. The sails Michelin tested are 280 square metres in size. The company *hoping* / *hopes* to start manufacturing and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our *arm* / *aim* is to contribute to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is a *free* / *freely* fuel.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **shipping** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# 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. SHIPPING:** Make a poster about shipping. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SAILS:** Write a magazine article about requiring all ships to have sails. 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 shipping. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make shipping greener. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Stars
2. CO2
3. Oil tankers
4. 2.5%
5. 20%
6. Climate change
7. 5,000 years
8. The ship's crew
9. 280 square metres
10. Wind

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People associate the company Michelin with car tyres.
2. Helping ships to be more environmentally friendly.
3. Shipping currently produces a lot of carbon dioxide.
4. Experts say the industry produces around 940 million tons.
5. Sails could reduce the amount of CO2 produced.
6. Michelin is using the ancient technology of sails.
7. Tackle the most urgent problem facing the world.
8. A ship's crew can fill sails with air.
9. Michelin hopes to start selling them in 2022.
10. Our aim is to contribute to the de-carbonization.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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