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**Level 2 – 4th November, 2021**

## **Jeff Bezos promises \$2 billion to help nature**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Leaders at the COP26 climate conference are promising to help Earth. They have signed deals to end deforestation and cut methane emission levels by 2030. Global companies are also at COP26. Amazon's Jeff Bezos made a speech. He promised to give \$2 billion to help nature, restore the countryside and transform food systems to make food more sustainable. Mr Bezos started The Bezos Earth Fund in 2020. This is a \$10-billion project to help fight climate change. In September, this fund gave \$1 billion to help indigenous peoples.

Mr Bezos decided to give money to protect the planet after going into space in July. He said that looking at Earth from space made him want to help our planet. He said: "Looking back at Earth from up there, the atmosphere seems so thin, the world so...fragile." He said the trip changed his feelings about our planet. He said: "I was told that seeing Earth from space changes [how] you see the world, but I was not prepared for how much that would be true." He said it was time for all countries to act. He said: "In this critical year...we must all stand together to protect our world."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the COP26 climate change         | a. natural state  |
| 2. making promises                  | b. by 30 per cent |
| 3. They have signed                 | c. peoples        |
| 4. cut methane emission levels      | d. to help Earth  |
| 5. made a                           | e. sustainable    |
| 6. restore landscapes to their more | f. agreements     |
| 7. make food production more        | g. speech         |
| 8. help threatened indigenous       | h. conference     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. give more money to protect | a. corporations to act |
| 2. after going into           | b. for how much        |
| 3. the atmosphere seems so    | c. together            |
| 4. space changed his feelings | d. thin                |
| 5. I was not prepared         | e. the planet          |
| 6. time for all countries and | f. year                |
| 7. In this critical           | g. about our planet    |
| 8. we must all stand          | h. space in July       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Bezos decided to give money to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after going into space in July. He said that looking at Earth from space made him want to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Looking back at Earth from up there, the atmosphere (9) \_\_\_\_\_, the world so...fragile." He said the trip changed his feelings about our planet. He said: "I was told that seeing Earth (10) \_\_\_\_\_ [how] you see the world, but I was not prepared for how much that (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He said it was time for all countries to act. He said: "In this critical year...we must (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect our world."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NATURE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nature 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) \_\_\_\_\_

