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**Level 2 – 7th April, 2022**

## **WHO says 99% of people breathe unhealthy air**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220407-air-quality-2.html>

The WHO has announced a shocking finding about the air we breathe. It said almost everyone on Earth breathes unhealthy air. The WHO's air quality update said that 99 per cent of the world's population breathes air that breaks air quality limits. Researchers looked at data from over 6,000 cities in 117 countries. People living in poorer countries breathe the unhealthiest air. Millions of people die in these countries from pollution-related diseases. The WHO said: "After surviving a pandemic, it is unacceptable to still have 7 million preventable deaths...due to air pollution."

The WHO stressed the need to move away from fossil fuels. It asked governments to do more to cut air pollution. It wants the world to quickly change to cleaner and healthier energy. It added that high gas prices, energy security, air pollution, and climate change mean the world must use fossil fuels less. The WHO report has many recommendations for change. One of these is the use of clean energy for cooking, heating and lighting. Another is to "build safe and affordable public transport systems and pedestrian- and cycle-friendly networks".

Sources: <https://www.who.int/news/item/04-04-2022-billions-of-people-still-breathe-unhealthy-air-new-who-data>  
<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/99-worlds-population-breathes-poor-quality-air-83860782>  
<https://www.ft.com/content/eb93b458-0bb2-4e93-ae5a-4da42e7bfe8d>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220407-air-quality-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. almost everyone on Earth breathes    | a. countries          |
| 2. 99 per cent of the world's           | b. limits             |
| 3. air that breaks air quality          | c. pollution          |
| 4. data from over 6,000 cities          | d. unhealthy air      |
| 5. Millions of people die in these      | e. preventable deaths |
| 6. surviving a                          | f. in 117 countries   |
| 7. unacceptable to still have 7 million | g. pandemic           |
| 8. due to air                           | h. population         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the need to move away from fossil | a. for change        |
| 2. do more to cut air                | b. transport systems |
| 3. high gas                          | c. pollution         |
| 4. many recommendations              | d. friendly networks |
| 5. the use of clean energy           | e. prices            |
| 6. heating and                       | f. for cooking       |
| 7. affordable public                 | g. lighting          |
| 8. pedestrian- and cycle-            | h. fuels             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220407-air-quality-2.html>

The WHO has announced (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about the air we breathe. It said almost everyone on Earth breathes unhealthy air. The WHO's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ said that 99 per cent of the world's population breathes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ air quality limits. Researchers looked at data from over 6,000 cities in 117 countries. People (4) \_\_\_\_\_ countries breathe the unhealthiest air. Millions of people die in these countries from (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The WHO said: "After surviving a pandemic, it is unacceptable to still have 7 million preventable deaths... (6) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution."

The WHO (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to move away from fossil fuels. It asked governments to do (8) \_\_\_\_\_ air pollution. It wants the world to quickly change to cleaner and healthier energy. It added that (9) \_\_\_\_\_, energy security, air pollution, and climate change mean the world must use (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The WHO report has many recommendations for change. One of these is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ clean energy for cooking, heating and lighting. Another is to "build safe and affordable public transport systems and pedestrian- (12) \_\_\_\_\_ networks".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIR QUALITY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220407-air-quality-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air quality 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) \_\_\_\_\_

