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## **Airlines miss most of their climate change targets**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

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The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse gases. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a problem. He said the UK's goal to be net zero by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to make sustainable transport like rail or ferries cheaper and easier to use. Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have met a target. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel an airplane burns per passenger kilometre by three per cent.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about climate change. 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?

report / airlines / climate change / targets / the past two decades / airplanes / poor / greenhouse gases / emissions / net zero / economy / frequent fliers / flights / fuel

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

**3. FREQUENT FLIERS:** Students A **strongly** believe frequent fliers should pay more to fly; Students B **strongly** believe this is a silly idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. AIRLINES:** What do you think of the services airlines provide? How could they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Your Thoughts	Improvements
Airplane food		
In-flight entertainment		
Seats		
Cabin crew		
Check-in		
Image		

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

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

- Airline
- Car
- Tourism
- Steel
- IT
- Food
- Construction
- Shipping

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. aviation           | a. A period of ten years.  |
| 2. industry           | b. The flying or operating of airplanes.   |
| 3. decade             | c. Materials such as coal, gas, or oil that is burned to produce heat or power.  |
| 4. fuel               | d. Not wasting a resource and using it to get the most benefit from it.          |
| 5. efficient          | e. Economic activity around one area of business (cars, tourism, health, IT...). |
| 6. sink without trace | f. To a greater degree than normal; unusually.                                   |
| 7. exceptionally      | g. Totally disappear.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 8. responsible         | h. The production and release of something, especially gas or radiation. |
| 9. emissions           | i. Doing a fair share of work.   |
| 10. net zero           | j. Having a duty to do something.  |
| 11. sector             | k. Producing no greenhouse gases.  |
| 12. pulling its weight | l. Happening or done many times over short spaces of time.               |
| 13. frequent           | m. A part of a nation's economy or society.                              |
| 14. residents          | n. The people who live in a building, town or country                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

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

1. The U.K. airline industry only met two of its climate change targets. **T / F**
2. The industry set over 50 targets in the past 22 years. **T / F**
3. A climate group said the industry did cut its carbon footprint a little. **T / F**
4. The group said the industry's climate record was very, very poor. **T / F**
5. Airplanes account for 7 per cent of global greenhouse gases. **T / F**
6. The U.K. wants to be net zero by 2050. **T / F**
7. In the U.K. 15% of residents take 70% of the flights. **T / F**
8. An airline called EasyJet cut the amount of fuel its airplanes burn. **T / F**

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

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>missed</b>        | a. vanished      |
| 2. <b>efficient</b>     | b. publicity     |
| 3. <b>fanfare</b>       | c. regular       |
| 4. <b>sunk</b>          | d. effective     |
| 5. <b>exceptionally</b> | e. aim           |
| 6. <b>responsible</b>   | f. cut           |
| 7. <b>goal</b>          | g. failed to hit |
| 8. <b>frequent</b>      | h. citizens      |
| 9. <b>residents</b>     | i. unusually     |
| 10. <b>reduced</b>      | j. accountable   |

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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. missed all their climate change targets | a. fliers                 |
| 2. making fuel more                        | b. trace                  |
| 3. set grand-sounding targets with a lot   | c. for seven per cent     |
| 4. the targets sink without                | d. greenhouse gases       |
| 5. the industry's climate record is        | e. of fanfare             |
| 6. The airline industry creates a lot of   | f. zero by 2050           |
| 7. air travel was responsible              | g. exceptionally poor     |
| 8. the UK's goal to be net                 | h. fuel an airplane burns |
| 9. frequent                                | i. since 2000             |
| 10. It successfully reduced the amount of  | j. efficient              |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

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*past*  
*industry*  
*trace*  
*couple*  
*poor*  
*except*  
*efficient*  
*footprint*

The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse (9) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the UK's goal to be net (11) \_\_\_\_\_ by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its (12) \_\_\_\_\_". Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. More than 70 per cent of (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to make sustainable transport like rail or ferries (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and easier to use. Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have (15) \_\_\_\_\_ a target. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel an airplane burns per (16) \_\_\_\_\_ kilometre by three per cent.

*zero*  
*flights*  
*met*  
*gases*  
*cheaper*  
*weight*  
*passenger*  
*problem*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

- 1) The U.K. aviation industry has set more than 50 climate targets in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. past too decades
  - b. passed two decades
  - c. past two decades
  - d. parsed two decades
- 2) It said the aviation industry has failed to reduce \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its carb on footprint
  - b. its car bonnet print
  - c. its carbon feet print
  - d. its carbon footprint
- 3) Companies set grand-sounding targets with a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lot of fun fare
  - b. lot of fan fair
  - c. lot off fanfare
  - d. lot of fanfare
- 4) They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sink without trace
  - b. sink without trays
  - c. sink without race
  - d. sink wither trace
- 5) Mr Murray said the industry's climate record \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is exceptionally boar
  - b. is exceptionally poor
  - c. is exceptionally bore
  - d. is exceptionally pooh
- 6) The airline industry creates a lot \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of greenhouse gas is
  - b. of greenhouse gaseous
  - c. of greenhouse gassy
  - d. of greenhouse gases
- 7) can't be met without every sector of the economy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pulling its height
  - b. pulling its weight
  - c. pulling its wait
  - d. pulling its hate
- 8) More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cent of residences
  - b. cent of reside ants
  - c. cent of residence
  - d. cent of residents
- 9) Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wet a target
  - b. met a target
  - c. vet a target
  - d. let a target
- 10) It successfully reduced the amount of fuel an airplane \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. burns spur passenger
  - b. burn spur passenger
  - c. burns per passenger
  - d. burn spar passenger

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

A new report says airlines in the U.K. have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change targets since 2000, except one. The U.K. aviation industry has set more than 50 climate targets in the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. These included using (3) \_\_\_\_\_ airplanes and making fuel more efficient. The climate group Possible did research on (4) \_\_\_\_\_. It said the aviation industry has failed to reduce its carbon footprint. Leo Murray from Possible told the BBC: "Companies set grand-sounding targets with a (5) \_\_\_\_\_....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink without trace, never to be seen again." Mr Murray said the industry's climate record "(6) \_\_\_\_\_".

The airline industry creates a lot (7) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a problem. He said the UK's goal to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possible wants (9) \_\_\_\_\_ pay more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to make sustainable transport like (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cheaper and easier to use. Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel (12) \_\_\_\_\_ per passenger kilometre by three per cent.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

1. Since when have U.K. airlines been missing climate change targets?
2. How many targets did the airline industry set?
3. What's the name of the group that carried out the research?
4. What did the group say the industry failed to reduce?
5. What did a man from the group say about the industry's record?
6. When did air travel account for 7% of the UK's greenhouse gases?
7. By when does the U.K. want to be net zero?
8. How many U.K. residents account for over 70% of U.K. flights?
9. What forms of transport does the group want the U.K. to focus on?
10. By how much did EasyJet cut the amount of fuel per passenger?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

- 1) Since when have U.K. airlines been missing climate change targets?
  - a) the year 1999
  - b) the year 2000
  - c) the year 2001
  - d) the year 2002
- 2) How many targets did the airline industry set?
  - a) exactly 50
  - b) fewer than 50
  - c) around 50
  - d) more than 50
- 3) What's the name of the group that carried out the research?
  - a) Perhaps
  - b) Probable
  - c) Possible
  - d) Definite
- 4) What did the group say the industry failed to reduce?
  - a) its carbon footprint
  - b) its carbon hoof print
  - c) its carbon claw print
  - d) its carbon imprint
- 5) What did a man from the group say about the industry's record?
  - a) It's exceptionally porous.
  - b) It's exceptionally poor.
  - c) It's exceptionally rich.
  - d) It's exceptionally richness.
- 6) When did air travel account for 7% of the UK's greenhouse gases?
  - a) in 2018
  - b) in 2017
  - c) in 2016
  - d) in 2015
- 7) By when does the U.K. want to be net zero?
  - a) by 2060
  - b) by 2040
  - c) by 2050
  - d) by 2030
- 8) How many U.K. residents account for over 70% of U.K. flights?
  - a) 15%
  - b) 50%
  - c) 55%
  - d) 5%
- 9) What forms of transport does the group want the U.K. to focus on?
  - a) rail and bus
  - b) rail and bicycle
  - c) rail and fairies
  - d) rail and ferries
- 10) By how much did EasyJet cut the amount of fuel per passenger?
  - a) by 33%
  - b) by 30%
  - c) by 3%
  - d) by 13%

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

## **Role A – Airline**

You think airline is the most polluting industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries aren't as polluting. Also, tell the others which is the least polluting of these (and why): steel making, food or shipping.

## **Role B – Steel Making**

You think steel making is the most polluting industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries aren't as polluting. Also, tell the others which is the least polluting of these (and why): airline, food or shipping.

## **Role C – Food**

You think food is the most polluting industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries aren't as polluting. Also, tell the others which is the least polluting of these (and why): steel making, airline or shipping.

## **Role D – Shipping**

You think shipping is the most polluting industry. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their industries aren't as polluting. Also, tell the others which is the least polluting of these (and why): steel making, food or airline.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

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

<b>climate</b>	<b>change</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>• report</li><li>• 50</li><li>• greener</li><li>• reduce</li><li>• fanfare</li><li>• poor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018</li><li>• gas</li><li>• 2050</li><li>• 70</li><li>• only</li><li>• three</li></ul>
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# CLIMATE CHANGE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

Write five GOOD questions about climate change 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.

# CLIMATE CHANGE 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 'climate'?
3. What do you think of climate change?
4. What climate change targets does your country have?
5. What do you know about net zero?
6. What do you think of airplanes?
7. What do you do to help the environment?
8. What do you know about greener fuels?
9. What's your carbon footprint like?
10. What do you think of airlines that don't meet climate targets?

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# CLIMATE CHANGE 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 'change'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much do you worry about climate change?
15. Do you think airplanes create too much pollution?
16. What do you know about greenhouse gases?
17. Do you always pull your weight?
18. Should frequent fliers pay more?
19. Is travelling by rail better than by air?
20. What questions would you like to ask an airline CEO?

# 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

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The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse gases. In 2018, air travel was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a problem. He said the UK's goal to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ zero by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possible wants frequent fliers to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable transport like rail or ferries cheaper and easier to use. Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a target. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel an airplane burns (12) \_\_\_\_\_ passenger kilometre by three per cent.

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

- |     |                 |              |                    |                |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) of          | (b) at       | (c) in             | (d) on         |
| 2.  | (a) set         | (b) let      | (c) bet            | (d) wet        |
| 3.  | (a) greener     | (b) bluer    | (c) redder         | (d) whiter     |
| 4.  | (a) to          | (b) of       | (c) at             | (d) by         |
| 5.  | (a) few         | (b) numerous | (c) several        | (d) couple     |
| 6.  | (a) penniless   | (b) cold     | (c) hungry         | (d) poor       |
| 7.  | (a) responsible | (b) response | (c) responsibility | (d) responsive |
| 8.  | (a) oxygen      | (b) screen   | (c) grid           | (d) net        |
| 9.  | (a) pay         | (b) sell     | (c) buy            | (d) cost       |
| 10. | (a) take        | (b) make     | (c) do             | (d) be         |
| 11. | (a) let         | (b) met      | (c) bet            | (d) wet        |
| 12. | (a) per         | (b) par      | (c) pre            | (d) pro        |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. iianvot industry
2. in the past two dcesade
3. making fuel more tcniffeei
4. grand-sounding targets with a lot of afnrfae
5. the targets sink without acert
6. leiacpnoxelty poor

## Paragraph 2

7. a lot of ehenesorgu gases
8. air travel was iplesrsenob for seven per cent
9. every sector of the economy pulling its tegiwh
10. freutenq fliers
11. just 15 per cent of eistrdsen
12. It successfully ecdduer the amount

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

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

- ( ) fliers to pay more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government
- ( ) on the airline industry. It said the aviation industry has failed to reduce its carbon
- ( ) seen again." Mr Murray said the industry's climate record "is exceptionally poor".
- ( ) greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a problem. He said the UK's goal to be net zero
- ( **1** ) A new report says airlines in the U.K. have missed all their climate change targets since 2000, except
- ( ) decades. These included using greener fuels for airplanes and making fuel more efficient. The climate group Possible did research
- ( ) of fanfare....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink without trace, never to be
- ( ) footprint. Leo Murray from Possible told the BBC: "Companies set grand-sounding targets with a lot
- ( ) one. The U.K. aviation industry has set more than 50 climate targets in the past two
- ( ) The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse gases. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent of the UK's
- ( ) to make sustainable transport like rail or ferries cheaper and easier to use. Possible said
- ( ) of fuel an airplane burns per passenger kilometre by three per cent.
- ( ) by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possible wants frequent
- ( ) the airline EasyJet was the only company to have met a target. It successfully reduced the amount

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

1. The aviation targets . than more 50 industry set
2. reduce footprint . carbon its The to failed industry
3. grand-sounding of fanfare . Set with a targets lot
4. them a about They few for years . talk
5. poor . industry's exceptionally is record climate The
6. by 2050 . to The be net goal zero
7. weight . pulls of the Every sector economy its
8. Possible more . frequent wants to fliers pay
9. transport . wants government make the sustainable Murray to
10. airplane of Reduced amount burns . fuel the an

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

A new report *says / saying* airlines in the U.K. have missed all their climate change targets since 2000, except *only / one*. The U.K. aviation *industrial / industry* has set more than 50 climate targets *in / on* the past two decades. These included using greener fuels for airplanes and making fuel *more / much* efficient. The climate group Possible did research on the airline industry. It said the aviation industry has *failure / failed* to reduce its carbon footprint. Leo Murray from Possible *telling / told* the BBC: "Companies set grand-sounding targets with a lot of *fun fare / fanfare*....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink *without / with* trace, never to be seen again." Mr Murray said the industry's climate record "is exceptionally *poverty / poor*".

The airline industry creates a *many / lot* of greenhouse gases. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent *of / for* the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a *too* problem. He said the UK's *goal / try* to be net zero by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its *height / weight*". Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are taken *by / on* just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to make *sustain / sustainable* transport like rail or ferries cheaper and easier to *abuse / use*. Possible said the airline EasyJet was the only company to have *let / met* a target. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel an airplane burns *per / par* passenger kilometre by three per cent.

**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)

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The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse gases. In 2018, air travel was responsible for seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Murray said this was a problem. He said the UK's goal to be net zero by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possibl wants frequent flyers to pay more. More than 70 per cent of flights in the UK are taken by just 15 per cent of residents. Murray also wants the government to make sustainable transport like rail or ferries cheaper and easier to use. Possibl said the airline industry just was the only company to have met its target. It successfully reduced the amount of fuel on airplanes burns per passenger kilometre by three per cent.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets.html>

People should fly less to help the environment. Discuss.

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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. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Make a poster about climate change. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AIRPLANES:** Write a magazine article about all airplanes becoming net zero. 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 climate change. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on climate change. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The year 2000
- More than 50
- Possible
- Its carbon footprint
- It's exceptionally poor
- In 2018
- By 2050
- 15%
- Rail and ferries
- By three per cent

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

- The aviation industry set more than 50 targets.
- The industry failed to reduce its carbon footprint.
- Set grand-sounding targets with a lot of fanfare.
- They talk about them for a few years.
- The industry's climate record is exceptionally poor.
- The goal to be net zero by 2050.
- Every sector of the economy pulls its weight.
- Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more.
- Murray wants the government to make sustainable transport.
- Reduced the amount of fuel an airplane burns.

## 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 ;-)