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Level 1 – 10th November, 2022

Billionaires create a million times more CO2

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-1.html>

Business, homes and cows are damaging the environment. A new report from a charity said billionaires also damage the environment. The lifestyles of the world's richest people create a lot more CO2 than the average person. The average billionaire creates three million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a million times more than what the average person creates. Billionaires create as much CO2 as the whole country of France.

Luxury yachts, mansions and private jets mean billionaires have a huge carbon footprint. The charity spoke at the COP 27 climate conference in Egypt. It said: "The...growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely discussed...in climate policy making. This has to change." It added: "These billionaire investors...have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability for too long."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. cows are damaging | a. metric tons |
| 2. A new report | b. people |
| 3. damage the | c. dioxide |
| 4. the world's richest | d. the environment |
| 5. create a lot | e. person |
| 6. the average | f. from a charity |
| 7. three million | g. more CO2 |
| 8. carbon | h. environment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Luxury | a. breakdown |
| 2. private | b. footprint |
| 3. carbon | c. responsibility |
| 4. the COP 27 climate | d. long |
| 5. growing | e. jets |
| 6. wealthy | f. conference |
| 7. climate | g. people |
| 8. for too | h. yachts |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-1.html>

Business, homes (1) _____ damaging the environment. A new (2) _____ charity said billionaires (3) _____ environment. The lifestyles of the world's richest people create a lot more CO2 than (4) _____. The average billionaire creates three million metric tons of carbon (5) _____. This is a million times more than what the average person creates. Billionaires create as much CO2 (6) _____ country of France.

Luxury yachts, mansions and (7) _____ billionaires have (8) _____ footprint. The charity spoke at the COP 27 climate conference in Egypt. It said: "The...growing responsibility (9) _____ for overall emissions is rarely discussed... (10) _____ making. This has to change." It added: "These billionaire investors...have a huge responsibility (11) _____ breakdown. They have escaped accountability (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about billionaires' CO2 emissions 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) _____

