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Level 1 – 12th May, 2022

Airlines miss most of their climate change targets

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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/2205/220512-climate-change-targets-1.html>

UK airlines have missed all their climate change targets, except one. They have set over 50 targets since the year 2000. These include using greener fuels. The climate group Possible said airlines have failed to cut their carbon footprint. A spokesperson said: "Companies set [big] targets....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink without trace, never to be seen again." Possible said the climate record of airlines was very "poor".

The airline industry creates seven per cent of the UK's greenhouse gases. Possible said the UK's goal to be net zero by 2050 could not be met unless every part of the economy helps. Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. Just 15 per cent of residents take 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. The airline EasyJet was the only company to meet a target. It cut the amount of fuel an airplane burns per passenger by three per cent.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-61384377>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. They have set | a. footprint |
| 2. since the | b. fuels |
| 3. using greener | c. without trace |
| 4. cut their carbon | d. targets |
| 5. Companies set big | e. over 50 targets |
| 6. for a couple | f. be seen again |
| 7. the targets sink | g. year 2000 |
| 8. never to | h. of years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The airline | a. fliers |
| 2. the UK's goal to | b. economy |
| 3. every part of the | c. a target |
| 4. frequent | d. be net zero |
| 5. Just 15 per cent | e. in the U.K. |
| 6. 70 per cent of flights | f. industry |
| 7. the only company to meet | g. of fuel |
| 8. It cut the amount | h. of residents |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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UK airlines have (1) _____ climate change targets, except one. They (2) _____ 50 targets since the year 2000. These include (3) _____. The climate group Possible said airlines have (4) _____ their carbon footprint. A spokesperson said: "Companies set [big] targets....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets (5) _____, never to be seen again." Possible said the (6) _____ airlines was very "poor".

The airline (7) _____ per cent of the UK's greenhouse gases. Possible said the UK's goal to (8) _____ by 2050 could not be met unless every part of the economy helps. Possible (9) _____ to pay more. Just 15 per cent (10) _____ 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. The airline EasyJet (11) _____ company to meet a target. It cut the amount of fuel an airplane burns (12) _____ three per cent.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CLIMATE CHANGE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets-4.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.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **climate change** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
