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**Level 1** – 13th November, 2019

## Airlines create extra CO2 by 'fuel-tankering'

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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/1911/191113-fuel-tankering-1.html>

A worker told newspapers about an airline creating extra CO<sub>2</sub>. The person is a whistleblower - someone who tells bad company secrets. The airlines use "fuel-tankering" to save money. This is when airplanes store extra fuel to fly somewhere and come back. It is bad for the environment and global warming. The airline saves money, but fuel-tankering creates lots of CO<sub>2</sub> - as much each year as a large town does.

In a BBC documentary, the CEO of British Airways promised to look at this problem. He said fuel-tankering was "maybe the wrong thing to do". It saves very little money, but there is a big cost to the environment. A flight from London to Italy saves just \$50 for an airline, but puts an extra 600kg of CO<sub>2</sub> into the air. Greenpeace said airlines put profit before the planet. It said airlines will do anything to make more profit.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/nov/11/ba-to-review-fuel-tankering-after-panorama-revelations>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191113-fuel-tankering-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The person is a               | a. money         |
| 2. someone who tells bad company | b. come back     |
| 3. airplanes store extra         | c. a large town  |
| 4. fly somewhere and             | d. fuel          |
| 5. It is bad for the             | e. lots of CO2   |
| 6. The airline saves             | f. secrets       |
| 7. fuel-tankering creates        | g. environment   |
| 8. as much each year as          | h. whistleblower |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. In a BBC                          | a. at this problem    |
| 2. the CEO of                        | b. little money       |
| 3. promised to look                  | c. more profit        |
| 4. maybe the wrong                   | d. documentary        |
| 5. It saves very                     | e. planet             |
| 6. there is a big cost               | f. British Airways    |
| 7. airlines put profit before the    | g. thing to do        |
| 8. airlines will do anything to make | h. to the environment |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A worker told newspapers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ creating extra CO2. The person (2) \_\_\_\_\_ - someone who tells bad company secrets. The airlines use "fuel-tankering" to save money. This is when airplanes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to fly somewhere (4) \_\_\_\_\_. It is bad for the environment and global warming. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_, but fuel-tankering creates lots of CO2 - as much each year as a (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

In a BBC documentary, the CEO of British Airways (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at this problem. He said fuel-tankering was "maybe the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ do". It saves very little money, but there is a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. A flight from London to Italy (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for an airline, but puts (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of CO2 into the air. Greenpeace said airlines put profit before the planet. It said airlines will do anything to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRPLANES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191113-fuel-tankering-4.html>

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

