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Level 1 – 7th October, 2021

Michelin makes giant sails to make shipping greener

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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/2110/211007-green-shipping-1.html>

The company Michelin makes car tyres and guide books. However, it is now helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. It has made giant sails to make shipping greener. Shipping produces 940 million tons of CO2 a year - about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Oil tankers, container ships and cruise ships use a lot of fossil fuel. The new sails could cut the amount of CO2 ships produce by 20 per cent.

Michelin is using old technology on today's biggest problem - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years. The new sails are different. Sailors fill them with air to get them to their full size. They are 280 square metres in size. Michelin hopes to start selling them in 2022. It said: "Our aim is to contribute to the de-carbonization of [sea] transport." It added that the good thing about wind is that it is a free fuel.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. The company Michelin makes car | a. ships produce |
| 2. guide | b. greener |
| 3. be more environmentally | c. of CO2 |
| 4. It has made giant sails to make shipping | d. friendly |
| 5. Shipping produces 940 million tons | e. gasses |
| 6. the world's greenhouse | f. tankers |
| 7. oil | g. tyres |
| 8. cut the amount of CO2 | h. books |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Michelin is | a. with air |
| 2. today's biggest | b. for 5,000 years |
| 3. Boats have used sails | c. problem |
| 4. The new sails | d. fuel |
| 5. Sailors fill them | e. sea transport |
| 6. the de-carbonization of | f. about wind |
| 7. the good thing | g. using old technology |
| 8. it is a free | h. are different |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping-1.html>

The company Michelin (1) _____ and guide books. However, it is now (2) _____ be more environmentally friendly. (3) _____ giant sails to (4) _____. Shipping produces 940 million tons of CO2 a year - about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Oil tankers, (5) _____ cruise ships use a lot of fossil fuel. The new sails could (6) _____ of CO2 ships produce by 20 per cent.

Michelin is (7) _____ on today's biggest problem - climate change. Boats (8) _____ for 5,000 years. The new sails are different. Sailors fill (9) _____ to get them to (10) _____. They are 280 square metres in size. Michelin hopes to start selling them in 2022. It said: "Our aim (11) _____ to the de-carbonization of [sea] transport." It added that the good thing (12) _____ that it is a free fuel.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SHIPPING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211007-green-shipping-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about shipping 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) _____

