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**Level 3 – 5th November, 2019**

## **United Nations warns world to quit 'coal addiction'**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has told world leaders to end their addiction to coal. He said the fossil fuel was a "major threat" to climate change and warned that the coal addiction "must be overcome". Mr Guterres was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said that many countries in danger from climate change are in Asia. He told the world leaders that: "Countries in these areas are countries that are in one of the most vulnerable areas to climate change." He added that: "Unless we are able to...defeat climate change, in 2050, the research has forecasted that 300 million people in the world will be flooded by sea water."

Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at the present moment". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a price on carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels." He urged, "stopping the construction of coal-power electricity plants in order to be able to defeat climate change." The UN chief was speaking on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" levels of air pollution in India's capital of Delhi. An Indian health ministry official, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have enough digits to accurately record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the history of the world!! This is a disaster!"

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# WARM-UPS

**1. COAL:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about coal. 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?

United Nations / addiction / coal / world leader / climate change / fossil fuels / flooded threat / planet / construction / electricity / hazardous / air pollution / history / disaster

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

**3. POLLUTION:** Students A **strongly** believe we will should be able to sue companies if there is a lot of pollution; Students B **strongly** believe that's silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ADDICTIONS:** How bad are these addictions? How can we stop them? Are you addicted? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How bad?	How We Can Stop Them	Are You Addicted?
TV			
Shopping			
Coffee			
Smartphone			
Chocolate			
English			

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

**6. CLEANER ENERGY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Wind power
- Solar power
- Biofuel
- Hydro-electricity
- Geothermal power
- Nuclear power
- Tidal power
- Heat pumps

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. addiction   | a. The fact or condition of wanting or needing something so much that you cannot stop using it. |
| 2. fossil fuel | b. Stop someone or something from doing something.  |
| 3. threat      | c. A natural form of energy like coal, gas or oil.  |
| 4. summit      | d. Being weak enough to be easily attacked or harmed.   |
| 5. vulnerable  | e. A person or thing that could cause damage or danger.   |
| 6. defeat      | f. A meeting between world leaders.   |
| 7. flooded     | g. When water levels get so high they enter the city, land, homes etc. and cause damage.        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. present       | h. Risky; dangerous.   |
| 9. carbon        | i. The action of building things.  |
| 10. subsidy      | j. Being or happening now.   |
| 11. construction | k. A machine used for looking at, checking, or keeping a continuous record of something. |
| 12. hazardous    | l. A chemical with the symbol C.   |
| 13. monitor      | m. In a way that is correct in all details; exactly.                                     |
| 14. accurately   | n. Money given by a government or a person to help an industry, company.                 |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

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

- a. The UN asked energy company CEOs to end their addiction to coal. **T / F**
- b. The UN said world leaders were a major threat to fossil fuels. **T / F**
- c. The UN chief was speaking at a summit in Bangkok. **T / F**
- d. The UN said 300 million people could be flooded by 2050. **T / F**
- e. The UN chief said climate change was the world's second biggest threat. **T / F**
- f. The UN chief said there should be more subsidies for fossil fuels. **T / F**
- g. Air pollution in Delhi was so high it could not be recorded. **T / F**
- h. A health official said it could be the most polluted day in history. **T / F**

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

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>world</b>      | a. danger      |
| 2. <b>major</b>      | b. weak        |
| 3. <b>overcome</b>   | c. catastrophe |
| 4. <b>vulnerable</b> | d. big         |
| 5. <b>forecasted</b> | e. support     |
| 6. <b>threat</b>     | f. defeated    |
| 7. <b>subsidies</b>  | g. detectors   |
| 8. <b>hazardous</b>  | h. predicted   |
| 9. <b>monitors</b>   | i. dangerous   |
| 10. <b>disaster</b>  | j. global      |

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

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. told world leaders to end their | a. moment               |
| 2. fossil                          | b. areas                |
| 3. the coal addiction must be      | c. of air pollution     |
| 4. one of the most vulnerable      | d. addiction            |
| 5. the world will be flooded       | e. to the planet        |
| 6. the biggest threat              | f. fuel                 |
| 7. at the present                  | g. plants               |
| 8. coal-power electricity          | h. by sea water         |
| 9. hazardous levels                | i. history of the world |
| 10. the most polluted day in the   | j. overcome             |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

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*defeat*  
*danger*  
*flooded*  
*end*  
*forecasted*  
*areas*  
*vulnerable*  
*threat*

Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ moment". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels." He (11) \_\_\_\_\_, "stopping the construction of coal-power electricity (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in order to be able to defeat climate change." The UN chief was (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" levels of air pollution in India's capital of Delhi. An Indian health ministry (14) \_\_\_\_\_, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have enough (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to accurately record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world!! This is a disaster!"

*urged*  
*history*  
*price*  
*speaking*  
*digits*  
*present*  
*plants*  
*official*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

- 1) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has told world leaders to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end them addiction
  - b. end they addiction
  - c. end their addiction
  - d. end these addiction
- 2) threat" to climate change and warned that the coal addiction " \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. must be over came
  - b. must be overcome
  - c. must be overt came
  - d. must be over comes
- 3) Guterres was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said that many \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. countries in danger
  - b. countries on danger
  - c. countries endanger
  - d. countries danger
- 4) Countries in these areas are countries that are in one of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. most vulnerability areas
  - b. most vulnerable areas
  - c. most venerable area
  - d. most vulnerability area
- 5) the research has forecasted that 300 million people in the world \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will been flood it
  - b. will being flooded
  - c. will be flooded
  - d. will be flood it
- 6) Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. the presence moment
  - b. the present moment
  - c. the presently moment
  - d. the presented moment
- 7) We have to put a price on carbon. We need to stop subsidies \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for fossils fuels
  - b. for fossil few all
  - c. for fossils fuel
  - d. for fossil fuels
- 8) the construction of coal-power electricity plants in order to be able \_\_\_\_\_ change
  - a. two defeats climate
  - b. too defeat climate
  - c. to defeats climate
  - d. to defeat climate
- 9) on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" levels of air pollution \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in India's capitals
  - b. in India's cap it all
  - c. in India's cap italic
  - d. in India's capital
- 10) Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. enough digits
  - b. enough digit
  - c. enough dig its
  - d. enough dig it is

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

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Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at (7) \_\_\_\_\_". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a price on carbon. We need to stop subsidies (8) \_\_\_\_\_." He urged, "stopping the construction of coal-power electricity plants in order to be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change." The UN chief was speaking on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" levels of air pollution (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of Delhi. An Indian health ministry official, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ accurately record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading towards Delhi recording the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of the world!! This is a disaster!"



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

1. Which person warned world leaders to end their coal addiction?
2. What did the UN say was a "major threat"?
3. Where was a summit held?
4. Where are many countries in danger?
5. How many people might be flooded by 2050?
6. What did the UN say we have to put a price on?
7. What must we stop giving subsidies for?
8. What kinds of plants did the UN say we have to stop constructing?
9. Where was there hazardous levels of air pollution?
10. Who is Varun Jhaveri?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

- 1) Which person warned world leaders to end their coal addiction?
  - a) Donald Trump
  - b) the UN Secretary-General
  - c) a Greenpeace leader
  - d) Greta Thunberg
- 2) What did the UN say was a "major threat"?
  - a) carbon
  - b) dioxide
  - c) CO2
  - d) fossil fuels
- 3) Where was a summit held?
  - a) Bangkok
  - b) in the mountains
  - c) Mount Everest
  - d) at the top
- 4) Where are many countries in danger?
  - a) the South Pacific
  - b) South America
  - c) Asia
  - d) Europe
- 5) How many people might be flooded by 2050?
  - a) 400 million
  - b) 300 million
  - c) 500 million
  - d) 200 million
- 6) What did the UN say we have to put a price on?
  - a) carbon
  - b) the environment
  - c) life
  - d) oil
- 7) What must we stop giving subsidies for?
  - a) industry
  - b) people
  - c) fossil fuels
  - d) the UN
- 8) What kinds of plants did the UN say we have to stop constructing?
  - a) coal-power electricity plants
  - b) bamboo
  - c) green plants
  - d) car plants
- 9) Where was there hazardous levels of air pollution?
  - a) Delhi
  - b) Jakarta
  - c) London
  - d) Beijing
- 10) Who is Varun Jhaveri?
  - a) a coal company CEO
  - b) a pollution expert
  - c) a UN leader
  - d) a health ministry official

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Wind Power**

You think wind power is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear power, solar power or hydro-electricity.

## **Role B – Nuclear Power**

You think nuclear power is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wind power, solar power or hydro-electricity.

## **Role C – Solar Power**

You think solar power is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear power, wind power or hydro-electricity.

## **Role D – Hydro-electricity**

You think hydro-electricity is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear power, solar power or wind power.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>coal</b>	<b>addiction</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>• end</li><li>• major</li><li>• summit</li><li>• vulnerable</li><li>• most</li><li>• sea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• planet</li><li>• problem</li><li>• price</li><li>• defeat</li><li>• capital</li><li>• history</li></ul>
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# COAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

Write five GOOD questions about coal 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.

# COAL 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 'coal'?
3. What do you know about the United Nations?
4. What do you think about fossil fuels?
5. How 'addicted' is your country to coal?
6. Can your country survive without coal?
7. Why is coal bad for the environment?
8. What do you know about climate change?
9. Is your country suffering from climate change?
10. What are the dangers of climate change?

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# COAL 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 'addiction'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the biggest threats to the planet at the moment?
15. How can we stop using fossil fuels?
16. How polluted is your town?
17. Are you worried about pollution?
18. How can you help the planet?
19. What will the world's climate be like in 50 years?
20. What questions would you like to ask the United Nations?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has told world leaders to end their (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to coal. He said the fossil fuel was a "(2) \_\_\_\_\_ threat" to climate change and warned that the coal addiction "must be (3) \_\_\_\_\_". Mr Guterres was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said that many countries in danger from climate change are in Asia. He told the world leaders that: "Countries in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ areas are countries that are in one of the most vulnerable areas (5) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change." He added that: "Unless we are able to...defeat climate change, in 2050, the research has forecasted that 300 million people in the world will be flooded (6) \_\_\_\_\_ sea water."

Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the planet at the present moment". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels." He urged, "stopping the construction of coal-power electricity plants in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to defeat climate change." The UN chief was speaking on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of air pollution in India's capital of Delhi. An Indian health ministry official, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ digits to accurately record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the history of the world!! This is a disaster!"

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

- |     |               |             |               |                |
|-----|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) addiction | (b) addicts | (c) addictive | (d) addict     |
| 2.  | (a) majority  | (b) majorly | (c) major     | (d) majored    |
| 3.  | (a) overdone  | (b) oversee | (c) overcome  | (d) overlook   |
| 4.  | (a) there     | (b) these   | (c) them      | (d) those      |
| 5.  | (a) to        | (b) at      | (c) for       | (d) as         |
| 6.  | (a) as        | (b) by      | (c) for       | (d) on         |
| 7.  | (a) threaten  | (b) treaty  | (c) treat     | (d) threat     |
| 8.  | (a) sell      | (b) price   | (c) purchase  | (d) profit     |
| 9.  | (a) receipt   | (b) buy     | (c) order     | (d) sell       |
| 10. | (a) leveled   | (b) levels  | (c) leveler   | (d) level      |
| 11. | (a) suffice   | (b) much    | (c) plenty    | (d) enough     |
| 12. | (a) backing   | (b) heading | (c) fronting  | (d) forwarding |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. coal addiction must be emcvoero
2. the ASEAN timuSm
3. Countries in these sraea
4. one of the most bnlulvaere
5. aeeftd climate change
6. the world will be deodfol

## Paragraph 2

7. the biggest arhtte to the planet
8. We have to put a price on orbcan
9. stop subsidies for sofils fuels
10. unbearable and zsrudahao levels
11. accurately record the ilpultono
12. This is a dtssaire

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

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

- ( ) digits to accurately record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading
- ( ) to defeat climate change." The UN chief was speaking on a day that saw "unbearable" and "hazardous" levels of air
- ( ) pollution in India's capital of Delhi. An Indian health ministry official, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution monitors did not have enough
- ( ) fuels." He urged, "stopping the construction of coal-power electricity plants in order to be able
- ( ) moment". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a price on carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil
- ( ) towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the history of the world!! This is a disaster!"
- ( ) forecasted that 300 million people in the world will be flooded by sea water."
- ( ) be overcome". Mr Guterres was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said that many
- ( ) countries in danger from climate change are in Asia. He told the world leaders that: "Countries in these
- ( ) addiction to coal. He said the fossil fuel was a "major threat" to climate change and warned that the coal addiction "must
- ( ) areas that are countries that are in one of the most vulnerable areas to climate
- ( **1** ) The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has told world leaders to end their
- ( ) change." He added that: "Unless we are able to...defeat climate change, in 2050, the research has
- ( ) Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest threat to the planet at the present

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

1. leaders addiction World to to coal . end their
2. said was fuel major a fossil threat . He
3. vulnerable of one most areas . the In
4. climate to are we change . Unless able defeat
5. by The sea water . world flooded will be
6. at present . The the planet threat to biggest
7. on put to carbon . price have We a
8. capital . Hazardous in of levels India's pollution air
9. have Pollution not enough did monitors digits .
10. towards Delhi day . polluted the recording Heading most

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has *telling / told* world leaders to end their *addiction / addict* to coal. He said the fossil fuel was a "major *threaten / threat*" to climate change and *waned / warned* that the coal addiction "must be overcome". Mr Guterres was in Thailand for the ASEAN Summit. He said that many countries *on / in* danger from climate change are in Asia. He *told / tell* the world leaders that: "Countries in these areas are countries that are in one of the most *vulnerable / vulnerability* areas to climate change." He added that: "Unless we are able to...*defeat / win* climate change, in 2050, the *researchers / research* has forecasted that 300 million people in the world will be *floods / flooded* by sea water."

Mr Guterres said climate change was, "the biggest *threaten / threat* to the planet at the present *moment / memento*". He said using coal was a big problem. "We have to put a price *in / on* carbon. We need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels." He *purged / urged*, "stopping the construction *of / off* coal-power electricity plants in order to be *ability / able* to defeat climate change." The UN chief was speaking on a day that saw "unbearable" and "*hazardous / hazard*" levels of air pollution in India's capital of Delhi. An Indian health ministry official, Varun Jhaveri, said pollution *monitors / monitor* did not have enough digits to *accuracy / accurately* record the pollution. He tweeted: "I think we are heading towards Delhi recording the most polluted day in the *history / historian* of the world!! This is a disaster!"

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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mr guterres said climate change was the biggest threat to the planet at the present moment he said using coal was a big problem we have to put a price on carbon we need to stop subsidies for fossil fuels he urged stopping the construction of coal power electricity plants in order to be able to defeat climate change the un chief was speaking on a day that saw unbearable and hazardous levels of air pollution in india's capital of delhi an indian health ministry official varun jhaveri said pollution monitors did not have enough digits to accurately record the pollution he tweeted i think we are heading towards delhi recording the most polluted day in the history of the world this is a disaster

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191105-coal-addiction.html>

Write about **coal** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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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. COAL:** Make a poster about coal. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. END THE USE OF COAL:** Write a magazine article about ending the use of coal in the next 10 years. 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 coal. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on cleaner energies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. world      | a. global      |
| 2. major      | b. big         |
| 3. overcome   | c. defeated    |
| 4. vulnerable | d. weak        |
| 5. forecasted | e. predicted   |
| 6. threat     | f. danger      |
| 7. subsidies  | g. support     |
| 8. hazardous  | h. dangerous   |
| 9. monitors   | i. detectors   |
| 10. disaster  | j. catastrophe |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres
2. Fossil fuels
3. Bangkok
4. Asia
5. 300 million
6. Carbon
7. Fossil fuels
8. Coal-power electricity plants
9. Delhi, India
10. An Indian health ministry official

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. World leaders to end their addiction to coal.
2. He said fossil fuel was a major threat.
3. In one of the most vulnerable areas.
4. Unless we are able to defeat climate change.
5. The world will be flooded by sea water.
6. The biggest threat to the planet at present.
7. We have to put a price on carbon.
8. Hazardous levels of air pollution in India's capital.
9. Pollution monitors did not have enough digits.
10. Heading towards Delhi recording the most polluted day.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)