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## **Pope warns fossil fuels threaten humanity**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FOSSIL FUELS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fossil fuels. 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?

warning / oil company / executives / humanity / fossil fuels / climate change / time / important / energy question / challenges / community / quality of life / fuel / stability

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

**3. NO FOSSIL FUELS:** Students A **strongly** believe we can live without fossil fuels; Students B **strongly** believe we can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FUELS:** What do you know about these types of fuel? How could they be replaced? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What could replace it
Gasoline / petrol		
Diesel		
Coal		
Natural gas		
Kerosene		
Aviation fuel		

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

**6. DISADVANTAGES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest disadvantages of fossil fuels at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Oil spills
- Non-renewable
- Pollution
- Impact on health
- Global warming
- Price fluctuations
- Scars to landscape
- Accidents

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. stark           | a. Requiring or needing quick or immediate action or attention.             |
| 2. humanity        | b. Unpleasantly or sharply clear about something negative.                  |
| 3. urged           | c. Major or significant enough to change a great period or time in history. |
| 4. for the sake of | d. The human race; human beings; all the people in the world.               |
| 5. epochal         | e. In the interest or benefit of.   |
| 6. proportions     | f. Recommended strongly.  |
| 7. pressing        | g. Size and effect.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. transition   | h. The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.      |
| 9. principal    | i. All of the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively. |
| 10. determine   | j. First in order of importance; most important.                                    |
| 11. overall     | k. A moral or legal obligation; a responsibility.                                   |
| 12. resolving   | l. Specify; find out the effect of the future of something.                         |
| 13. duty        | m. Taking everything into account.  |
| 14. generations | n. Settling or finding a solution to a problem, dispute, or controversial matter.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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

- a. Pope Francis met with executives from 50 top oil companies. **T / F**
- b. The meeting between the Pope and the executives was a public one. **T / F**
- c. The Pope asked the executives to change to renewable energies. **T / F**
- d. The Pope said the transition to renewables wasn't so pressing. **T / F**
- e. The Pope said the energy question is one of our biggest challenges. **T / F**
- f. The Pope said fossil fuels lead to war and death. **T / F**
- g. The Pope said civilization doesn't really need energy. **T / F**
- h. The Pope said clean energy was a debt we owed to future generations. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>head</b>        | a. size       |
| 2. <b>stark</b>       | b. affect     |
| 3. <b>threat</b>      | c. obligation |
| 4. <b>proportions</b> | d. depressing |
| 5. <b>pressing</b>    | e. settling   |
| 6. <b>transition</b>  | f. urgent     |
| 7. <b>principal</b>   | g. top        |
| 8. <b>determine</b>   | h. change     |
| 9. <b>resolving</b>   | i. main       |
| 10. <b>duty</b>       | j. danger     |

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

- |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. a stark                            | a. greener forms of energy |
| 2. At a private, closed-              | b. quality of life         |
| 3. for the sake                       | c. to lose                 |
| 4. There is no time                   | d. challenges              |
| 5. the challenge of energy transition | e. warning                 |
| 6. transition to                      | f. of our planet           |
| 7. one of the principal               | g. conflicts               |
| 8. determine our overall              | h. becomes more pressing   |
| 9. resolving                          | i. to come                 |
| 10. generations yet                   | j. door meeting            |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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*head*  
*challenge*  
*urged*  
*transition*  
*major*  
*time*  
*sake*  
*threat*

Pope Francis explained how (9) \_\_\_\_\_ it was for the world to transition to greener (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of energy. He said: "The energy question has become one of the principal challenges... (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the international community. The way we meet this challenge will determine our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ quality of life." Francis said fossil fuels are a contributor to (13) \_\_\_\_\_, war and death around the world as they affect, "the real possibility either of resolving (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in different areas of our world or of...providing them with new fuel to destroy social (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and human lives." He added: "Civilization requires energy, but energy use must not destroy civilization....Clean energy is a duty that we (16) \_\_\_\_\_ towards ...generations yet to come."

*forms*  
*overall*  
*conflicts*  
*owe*  
*facing*  
*stability*  
*important*  
*poverty*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

- 1) The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, has \_\_\_\_\_ warning
  - a. given a shark
  - b. given a stark
  - c. given a snack
  - d. given a stack
- 2) urged the oil companies to switch to renewable energies for \_\_\_\_\_ our planet
  - a. the sake of
  - b. the sakes of
  - c. the forsake of
  - d. this ache of
- 3) global warming represented a challenge \_\_\_\_\_ proportions
  - a. off e-pock all
  - b. of Pokemon
  - c. of epoch all
  - d. of epochal
- 4) He said the companies needed to act quickly, saying: "There is \_\_\_\_\_ lose."
  - a. no timed to
  - b. no time to
  - c. no time too
  - d. non time to
- 5) With each month that passes, the challenge of energy transition becomes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more pleasing
  - b. more pressing
  - c. more blessing
  - d. more praising
- 6) Francis explained how important it was for the world to transition to \_\_\_\_\_ of energy
  - a. green are forms
  - b. greener form
  - c. greener forms
  - d. greener farms
- 7) The energy question has become one of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. principle challenges
  - b. principal challenge is
  - c. principal challengers
  - d. principal challenges
- 8) The way we meet this challenge will determine our \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. over all quality
  - b. overall qualify
  - c. overall quality
  - d. overalls quality
- 9) providing them with new fuel to destroy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. so shall stability
  - b. sow shall stability
  - c. social stability
  - d. shows all stability
- 10) energy use must not destroy civilization....Clean energy is a duty \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. that they owe
  - b. that we owe
  - c. that twee owe
  - d. that twee owl

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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Pope Francis explained how important it was for the world to transition to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ energy. He said: "The energy question has become one of (8) \_\_\_\_\_...facing the international community. The way we meet this challenge will determine (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of life." Francis said fossil fuels are a contributor to poverty, war and death around the world as they affect, "the real possibility (10) \_\_\_\_\_ conflicts in different areas of our world or of...providing them with new fuel to destroy (11) \_\_\_\_\_ human lives." He added: "Civilization requires energy, but energy use must not destroy civilization....Clean energy is a duty that (12) \_\_\_\_\_...generations yet to come."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

1. How many oil company executives did pope Francis talk to?
2. Where did the meeting take place?
3. What did Pope Francis say we need renewable energies for the sake of?
4. What kind of proportions did Pope Francis talk about?
5. What did the Pope say was becoming more pressing?
6. What did the Pope say was one of our principal challenges?
7. What did the Pope say fossil fuels contributed to around the world?
8. What did the Pope say civilization needs?
9. What did the Pope say we must not destroy?
10. To whom do we owe the debt of clean energy?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

- 1) How many oil company executives did pope Francis talk to?
  - a) around 50
  - b) exactly 50
  - c) less than 50
  - d) more than 50
- 2) Where did the meeting take place?
  - a) Saudi Arabia
  - b) Singapore
  - c) the Vatican
  - d) New York
- 3) What did Pope Francis say we need renewable energies for the sake of?
  - a) investment
  - b) our planet
  - c) the grass
  - d) greenhouse gasses
- 4) What kind of proportions did Pope Francis talk about?
  - a) greener proportions
  - b) epic proportions
  - c) unfair proportions
  - d) epochal proportions
- 5) What did the Pope say was becoming more pressing?
  - a) the challenge of energy transition
  - b) clean washing
  - c) the soil
  - d) the oil
- 6) What did the Pope say was one of our principal challenges?
  - a) environmentalists
  - b) finding more oil
  - c) sonoluminescence
  - d) the energy question
- 7) What did the Pope say fossil fuels contributed to around the world?
  - a) oil, gas and coal
  - b) poverty, war and death
  - c) pollution, oil spills and grime
  - d) profits, wealth and jobs
- 8) What did the Pope say civilization needs?
  - a) more grass
  - b) more oil
  - c) a shot in the arm
  - d) energy
- 9) What did the Pope say we must not destroy?
  - a) gas pipelines
  - b) oil rigs
  - c) civilization
  - d) coal fields
- 10) To whom do we owe the debt of clean energy?
  - a) Donald Trump
  - b) future generations
  - c) Exxon Mobil
  - d) Brazil's rainforests

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Oil Spills**

You think oil spills is the biggest disadvantage of fossil fuels. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disadvantages aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least disadvantageous of these (and why): non-renewable, impact on our health or price fluctuations.

## **Role B – Non-Renewable**

You think their being non-renewable is the biggest disadvantage of fossil fuels. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disadvantages aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least disadvantageous of these (and why): oil spills, impact on our health or price fluctuations.

## **Role C – Impact on Health**

You think their impact on our health is the biggest disadvantage of fossil fuels. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disadvantages aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least disadvantageous of these (and why): non-renewable, oil spills or price fluctuations.

## **Role D – Price Fluctuations**

You think price fluctuations is the biggest disadvantage of fossil fuels. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disadvantages aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least disadvantageous of these (and why): non-renewable, impact on our health or oil spills.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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

<b>fossil</b>	<b>fuel</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>• head</li><li>• threat</li><li>• door</li><li>• major</li><li>• act</li><li>• pressing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• important</li><li>• principal</li><li>• quality</li><li>• real</li><li>• social</li><li>• yet</li></ul>
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# FOSSIL FUELS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

Write five GOOD questions about fossil fuels 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.

# FOSSIL FUELS 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 'fossil'?
3. Will the oil companies listen to Pope Francis?
4. What is the threat from fossil fuels?
5. Why do we still use fossil fuels?
6. What part do fossil fuels play in climate change?
7. How dependent is your country on fossil fuels?
8. What did Pope Francis mean by "epochal proportions"?
9. What do oil companies need to do in acting quickly?
10. What is the most pressing concern with climate change?

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# FOSSIL FUELS 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 'fuel'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do oil company executives think of fossil fuels?
15. How would life change if we used nothing but renewables?
16. How can fuel destroy social stability?
17. What form of green energy do you think is best?
18. What advice do you have for the oil company execs?
19. What will future generations think of our use of fossil fuels?
20. What questions would you like to ask the oil company execs?

## **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

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

- |     |               |                |                |               |
|-----|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) face      | (b) head       | (c) arm        | (d) back      |
| 2.  | (a) window    | (b) door       | (c) curtain    | (d) lock      |
| 3.  | (a) merged    | (b) charged    | (c) purged     | (d) urged     |
| 4.  | (a) spread    | (b) major      | (c) scale      | (d) theme     |
| 5.  | (a) play      | (b) act        | (c) steps      | (d) behave    |
| 6.  | (a) dressing  | (b) wrestling  | (c) pressing   | (d) blessing  |
| 7.  | (a) petition  | (b) tradition  | (c) transition | (d) addition  |
| 8.  | (a) heading   | (b) mouthing   | (c) facing     | (d) nosing    |
| 9.  | (a) inject    | (b) reflect    | (c) infect     | (d) affect    |
| 10. | (a) resolving | (b) dissolving | (c) absolving  | (d) revolving |
| 11. | (a) destroy   | (b) respire    | (c) comply     | (d) function  |
| 12. | (a) yay       | (b) may        | (c) yet        | (d) met       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. given a kastr warning
2. the pontiff ruged the oil companies to switch
3. lenwaeabr energies
4. a major evrdri in climate change
5. a challenge of "epochal ootisrnppor"
6. the challenge of energy onniastrit

## Paragraph 2

7. one of the prlcipina challenges
8. eeimrtnde our overall quality of life
9. a contributor to ovypter
10. rogvnisel conflicts
11. destroy social tiatsylib
12. destroy lacvoizniit

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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

- ( ) oil company executives about the threat to humanity from fossil fuels. At a private, closed-
- ( ) represented a challenge of "epochal proportions". He said the companies needed to
- ( ) affect, "the real possibility either of resolving conflicts in different areas of our world or of...
- ( ) act quickly, saying: "There is no time to lose." He warned that: "With each
- ( ) Pope Francis explained how important it was for the world to transition to greener
- ( ) door meeting in the Vatican on Saturday, the pontiff urged the oil companies to switch to renewable energies for the sake
- ( ) providing them with new fuel to destroy social stability and human lives." He added: "Civilization requires energy, but energy
- ( **1** ) The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, has given a stark warning to around 50 of the world's top
- ( ) forms of energy. He said: "The energy question has become one of the principal challenges...facing
- ( ) of life." Francis said fossil fuels are a contributor to poverty, war and death around the world as they
- ( ) use must not destroy civilization....Clean energy is a duty that we owe towards ...generations yet to come."
- ( ) of our planet. He told the executives that fossil fuels were a major driver in climate change and that global warming
- ( ) the international community. The way we meet this challenge will determine our overall quality
- ( ) month that passes, the challenge of energy transition becomes more pressing."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

1. a in closed-door private, the Vatican . At meeting
2. planet . of energies Renewable for our sake the
3. driver in fuels Fossil were a climate change .
4. said to companies the needed act quickly . He
5. of pressing . transition more becomes challenge The energy
6. the was important how Explained world . for it
7. challenges facing international the principal community . The
8. quality our determine challenge life . of This will
9. our in different Resolving world . of conflicts areas
10. we is Clean a that duty owe . energy

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180613-fossil-fuels.html>

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Pope Francis explained how important it was for the world to transition to greener *forms / form* of energy. He said: "The energy question has become one of the *principal / principality* challenges...facing the international *community / commune*. The way we meet this challenge will determine our *overalls / overall* quality of life." Francis said fossil fuels are a contributor to poverty, war and death around the world as they *effect / affect*, "the real possibility either of *revolving / resolving* conflicts in different areas of our world or of...*providing / provision* them with new fuel to destroy social stability and human lives." He added: "Civilization *requires / requiring* energy, but energy use must not destroy civilization....Clean energy is a duty that we *owe / own* towards ...generations *met / yet* to come."

**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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Th\_ h\_\_ d \_f th\_ R\_m\_n C\_th\_l\_c Ch\_r ch , P\_p\_ Fr\_n c\_s , h\_s g\_v\_n \_ s\_trk w\_r n\_n g t\_ r\_\_ n d 5 0 \_f th\_ w\_r l d ' s t\_p \_\_ l c\_m p\_n y \_x\_c\_t\_v\_s \_b\_\_ t th\_ th\_r\_\_ t t\_ h\_m\_n\_t y fr\_m f\_s s\_l f\_\_ l s . A t \_ p\_r\_v\_t\_ , c\_l\_s\_d - d\_\_ r m\_\_ t\_n g \_n t h\_ V\_t\_c\_n \_n S\_t\_r d\_y , th\_ p\_n t\_f f \_r g\_d th\_ \_\_ l c\_m p\_n\_\_ s t\_ s\_w\_t\_c h t\_ r\_n\_w\_b\_l \_n\_r g\_\_ s fr th\_ s\_k\_ \_f \_\_ r p\_l\_n\_t . H\_ t\_l d th\_ \_x\_c\_t\_v\_s th\_t f\_s s\_l f\_\_ l s w\_r\_\_ m\_j\_r d\_r\_v\_r \_n c\_l\_m\_t\_ c\_h\_n g\_ \_n d th\_t g\_l\_b\_l w\_r n\_n g r\_p\_r\_s\_n\_t\_d \_ c\_h\_l\_l\_n g\_ \_f " \_p\_c\_h\_l p\_r\_p\_r\_t\_\_ n s " . H\_ s\_\_ d th\_ c\_m p\_n\_\_ s n\_\_ d\_d t\_ \_c\_t q\_\_ c k\_l y , s\_y\_n g : " Th\_r\_ s n\_ t\_m\_ t\_ l\_s\_ . " H\_ w\_r n\_d th\_t : " W\_t h \_\_ c h m\_n th th\_t p\_s s\_s , th\_ c\_h\_l\_l\_n g\_ \_f \_n\_r g\_y t\_r\_n s\_t\_\_ n b\_c\_m\_s m\_r\_ p\_r\_s\_s\_n g . "

P\_p\_ Fr\_n c\_s \_x\_p\_l\_\_ n\_d h\_w \_m\_p\_r\_t\_n\_t \_t w\_s fr th\_ w\_r l d t\_ t\_r\_n s\_t\_\_ n t\_ g\_r\_\_ n\_r f\_r m\_s \_f \_n\_r g\_y . H\_ s\_\_ d : " Th\_ \_n\_r g\_y q\_\_ s\_t\_\_ n h\_s b\_c\_m\_ \_n\_ \_f th\_ p\_r\_n c\_p\_l c\_h\_l\_l\_n g\_s . . . f\_c\_n g th\_ \_n\_t\_r\_n\_t\_\_ n\_l c\_m m\_n\_t y . Th\_ w\_y w\_ m\_\_ t th\_s c\_h\_l\_l\_n g\_ w\_l l d\_t\_r m\_n\_ \_\_ r \_v\_r\_l\_l q\_\_ l\_t\_y \_f l\_f\_ . " Fr\_n c\_s s\_\_ d f\_s s\_l f\_\_ l s \_r\_\_ c\_n t\_r\_b\_t\_r t\_ p\_v\_r\_t\_y , w\_r \_n d d\_\_ th \_r\_\_ n d th\_ w\_r l d \_s th\_y \_f f\_c\_t , " th\_ r\_\_ l p\_s s\_b\_l\_t\_y \_\_ th\_r \_f r\_s\_l\_v\_n g c\_n f\_l\_c\_t s \_n d\_f\_f\_r\_n\_t \_r\_\_ s \_f \_\_ r w\_r l d \_r \_f . . . p\_r\_v\_d\_n g th\_m w\_t h n\_w f\_\_ l t\_ d\_s\_t\_r\_y s\_c\_\_ l\_s t\_b\_l\_t\_y \_n d h\_m\_n l\_v\_s . " H\_ d\_d\_d : " C\_v\_l\_z\_t\_\_ n r\_q\_\_ r\_s \_n\_r g\_y , b\_t \_n\_r g\_y \_s\_m\_s\_t n\_t d\_s\_t\_r\_y c\_v\_l\_z\_t\_\_ n . . . C\_l\_\_ n \_n\_r g\_y \_s \_d\_t\_y th\_t w\_ \_w\_ t\_w\_r\_d\_s . . . g\_n\_r\_t\_\_ n s\_y\_t t\_ c\_m\_ . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. FOSSIL FUELS:** Make a poster about fossil fuels. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TRANSITION:** Write a magazine article about setting a limit of 20 years for the transition from fossil fuels to renewables. 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 fossil fuels. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can move away from fossil fuels. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. head        | a. top        |
| 2. stark       | b. depressing |
| 3. threat      | c. danger     |
| 4. proportions | d. size       |
| 5. pressing    | e. urgent     |
| 6. transition  | f. change     |
| 7. principal   | g. main       |
| 8. determine   | h. affect     |
| 9. resolving   | i. settling   |
| 10. duty       | j. obligation |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Around 50
2. The Vatican
3. Our planet
4. Epochal proportions
5. The challenge of energy transition
6. The energy question
7. Poverty, war and death
8. Energy
9. Civilization
10. Generations yet to come

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

1. At a private, closed-door meeting in the Vatican.
2. Renewable energies for the sake of our planet.
3. Fossil fuels were a driver in climate change.
4. He said the companies needed to act quickly.
5. The challenge of energy transition becomes more pressing.
6. Explained how important it was for the world.
7. The principal challenges facing the international community.
8. This challenge will determine our quality of life.
9. Resolving conflicts in different areas of our world.
10. Clean energy is a duty that we owe.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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