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**Level 2** – 12th May, 2022

## Airlines miss most of their climate change targets

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220512-climate-change-targets-2.html>

A report says UK airlines have missed all their climate change targets, except one. The industry has set more than 50 climate targets since the year 2000. These included using greener fuels and making fuel more efficient. The climate group Possible said the airline industry has failed to reduce its carbon footprint. A spokesperson told the BBC: "Companies set grand-sounding targets with a lot of fanfare....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink without trace, never to be seen again." Possible said the industry's climate record was very "poor".

The airline industry creates a lot of greenhouse gases. It is responsible for seven per cent of the UK's emissions. Possible said the UK's goal to be net zero by 2050 "can't be met without every sector of the economy pulling its weight". Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. Over 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are made by just 15 per cent of residents. Possible also wants rail or ferries to be cheaper and easier to use. 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. except                        | a. be seen again     |
| 2. set more than 50              | b. fuels             |
| 3. since                         | c. was very "poor"   |
| 4. using greener                 | d. climate targets   |
| 5. reduce its carbon             | e. a couple of years |
| 6. talk about them for           | f. one               |
| 7. never to                      | g. footprint         |
| 8. the industry's climate record | h. the year 2000     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a lot of greenhouse         | a. easier to use     |
| 2. the UK's goal to            | b. of the economy    |
| 3. every sector                | c. fliers            |
| 4. pulling its                 | d. be net zero       |
| 5. frequent                    | e. an airplane burns |
| 6. Over 70 per cent of flights | f. weight            |
| 7. be cheaper and              | g. gases             |
| 8. the amount of fuel          | h. in the U.K.       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report says UK airlines (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their climate change targets, except one. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ more than 50 climate targets since the year 2000. These included using greener fuels and making (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The climate group Possible said the airline industry (4) \_\_\_\_\_ reduce its carbon footprint. A spokesperson told the BBC: "Companies set grand-sounding targets with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fanfare....They talk about them for a couple of years. Then the targets sink without trace, never to be seen again." Possible said the industry's climate record (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The airline industry (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of greenhouse gases. It is responsible for seven per cent of the UK's emissions. Possible said the UK's goal to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2050 "can't be met without every (9) \_\_\_\_\_ economy pulling its weight". Possible wants frequent fliers to pay more. Over 70 per cent of flights in the U.K. are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 15 per cent of residents. Possible also wants rail or ferries to be cheaper and (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The airline EasyJet was the only company to meet a target. It cut the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ an airplane burns per passenger by 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-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

