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Google investing \$1billion in renewable energy

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THE READING

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Google is investing \$1billion in renewable energy, like solar energy and wind farms. It wants to become totally green. Google's Director of Energy and Sustainability (DES) said: "We've invested over a billion dollars in 15 projects that have the capacity to produce two giga-watts of power." He added: "Investing in...renewable power plants...all make business sense....We rely on power for our business."

Google still has a long way to go before it reaches its goal to be fuelled by renewable energy 100 per cent. Currently, about 34 per cent is from renewables. The DES said: "There are lots of challenges in getting there, not the least of which is operating in many [legal systems in] different parts of the world." The DES added Google's innovative projects may transform energy and provide clean power to businesses and homes around the world.

Sources: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/101417698>
<http://rt.com/usa/google-billion-solar-power-457/>
<http://guardianlv.com/2014/02/google-attempts-to-power-all-its-operations-with-renewable-energy/>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140220-renewable-energy-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. solar energy | a. sense |
| 2. It wants to become | b. on power for our business |
| 3. produce two giga-watts | c. of power |
| 4. Investing in renewable power | d. and wind farms |
| 5. make business | e. plants |
| 6. We rely | f. totally green |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Google still has a | a. by renewable energy |
| 2. be fuelled | b. power to businesses |
| 3. about 34 per cent is | c. projects |
| 4. There are lots of challenges | d. from renewables. |
| 5. Google's innovative | e. long way to go |
| 6. provide clean | f. in getting there |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google is investing \$1billion (1) _____, like solar energy and wind farms. It wants to (2) _____. Google's Director of (3) _____ (DES) said: "We've invested over a billion dollars in 15 projects that have the (4) _____ two gigawatts of power." He added: "Investing in...(5) _____...all make business sense....We (6) _____ our business."

Google still has (7) _____ before it reaches its goal to be (8) _____ 100 per cent. Currently, about 34 per cent is from renewables. The DES said: "There are (9) _____ in getting there, (10) _____ which is operating in many [legal systems in] different parts of the world." The DES added Google's (11) _____ may transform energy and provide clean power to businesses (12) _____ world.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about renewable energy 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

