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**Level 5 – 24th September, 2019**

## **Airbus unveils plans for zero-emission planes**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200924-zero-emission-aircraft-5.html>

The aircraft maker Airbus has unveiled big plans for the world's first zero-emission aircraft. The airline giant predicts its hydrogen-powered commercial airplanes could be flying by 2035. The concept is a shift away from battery power. Many in the industry believe batteries are the answer for carbon-zero airplanes. Airbus says batteries could be impractical for large airplanes and hydrogen is better. The company said the switch to hydrogen would require "decisive action from the entire aviation ecosystem". This means redesigned airports and refuelling infrastructure.

The Airbus CEO said there were three designs. He said one of these will be chosen moving forward. He said the three "ZEROe" designs were "a historic moment for the commercial aviation sector". The CEO said: "We intend to play a leading role in the most important transition this industry has ever seen." He added that hydrogen fuel had "the potential to significantly reduce aviation's climate impact". He added: "With the support from government...we can rise up to this challenge to scale up renewable energy and hydrogen for the sustainable future of the aviation industry."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200924-zero-emission-aircraft-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. unveiled big                    | a. be impractical     |
| 2. the world's first zero-emission | b. action             |
| 3. batteries are                   | c. from battery power |
| 4. a shift away                    | d. aircraft           |
| 5. batteries could                 | e. airports           |
| 6. the switch                      | f. the answer         |
| 7. decisive                        | g. to hydrogen        |
| 8. This means redesigned           | h. plans              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. one of these will           | a. moment               |
| 2. moving                      | b. industry             |
| 3. a historic                  | c. this challenge       |
| 4. We intend to play a leading | d. climate impact       |
| 5. the most                    | e. be chosen            |
| 6. reduce aviation's           | f. role                 |
| 7. we can rise up to           | g. forward              |
| 8. the aviation                | h. important transition |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ZERO-EMISSION AIRPLANES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200924-zero-emission-aircraft-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about zero-emission airplanes 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) \_\_\_\_\_

