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**Level 2 – 7th October, 2021**

**Michelin makes giant sails to make shipping greener**

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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/2110/211007-green-shipping-2.html>

Most people link the company Michelin with car tyres and guide books. However, the company is helping ships to be more environmentally friendly. It has tested giant sails that will make shipping greener. Shipping produces a lot of carbon dioxide. Oil tankers, container ships and cruise ships use fossil fuels to move around the world's oceans. The industry produces around 940 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. It produces about 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. The new sails could cut the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> the shipping industry produces by 20 per cent.

Michelin is using the old technology of sails on the most urgent problem the world faces today - climate change. Boats have used sails for 5,000 years. The new sails are different. Sailors fill the sails with air to get them to their full size. The sails can be lowered quickly if a ship needs to sail under a bridge. The sails are 280 square metres in size. Michelin hopes to start making and selling them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our aim is to contribute to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is a free fuel.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. link the company Michelin              | a. gasses         |
| 2. guide                                  | b. industry       |
| 3. be more environmentally                | c. of CO2         |
| 4. cruise                                 | d. books          |
| 5. around 940 million                     | e. ships          |
| 6. 2.5 per cent of the world's greenhouse | f. with car tyres |
| 7. cut the amount                         | g. tons of CO2    |
| 8. the shipping                           | h. friendly       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Michelin is using the    | a. for 5,000 years |
| 2. the most urgent problem  | b. under a bridge  |
| 3. climate                  | c. the world faces |
| 4. Boats have used sails    | d. about wind      |
| 5. Sailors fill the sails   | e. them in 2022    |
| 6. if a ship needs to sail  | f. old technology  |
| 7. start making and selling | g. with air        |
| 8. the good thing           | h. change          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Michelin is using the old technology of sails on (7) \_\_\_\_\_ problem the world faces today - climate change. Boats (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for 5,000 years. The new sails are different. Sailors fill the sails with air to get them to their full size. The sails can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if a ship needs to sail under a bridge. The sails are 280 square metres in size. Michelin hopes to start (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them in 2022. A company spokesperson said: "Our aim (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the de-carbonization of maritime transport." He added that the good thing about wind is that it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SHIPPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about shipping 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **shipping** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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