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Level 2 – 10th November, 2022

Billionaires create a million times more CO2

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

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THE READING

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Business, households and methane released from permafrost are damaging the environment. A new report from the British charity Oxfam highlighted the damage billionaires do to the environment. The rich lifestyles of the world's wealthiest people create a lot more CO₂ than the average person. Their investments and lifestyles mean the average billionaire creates three million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a million times more than what the average person creates. Billionaires create as much CO₂ as the whole country of France.

The lifestyles, luxury yachts, mansions and private jets mean billionaires have a huge carbon footprint. An Oxfam spokesperson spoke at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt. She gave details about CO₂ and the super-rich. She said: "The major and growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely discussed or considered in climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors...have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability for too long."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. methane released from | a. of carbon dioxide |
| 2. the world's | b. much CO2 |
| 3. a lot more CO2 than the average | c. wealthiest people |
| 4. three million metric tons | d. of France |
| 5. This is a million times | e. person |
| 6. what the average person | f. more |
| 7. Billionaires create as | g. creates |
| 8. the whole country | h. permafrost |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. luxury | a. jets |
| 2. private | b. breakdown |
| 3. have a huge | c. wealthy people |
| 4. details about CO2 | d. long |
| 5. growing responsibility of | e. change |
| 6. This has to | f. yachts |
| 7. driving climate | g. and the super-rich |
| 8. for too | h. carbon footprint |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Business, households (1) _____ from permafrost are damaging the environment. A (2) _____ the British charity Oxfam highlighted the damage billionaires do to the environment. The (3) _____ the world's wealthiest people create a lot more CO2 than the average person. Their investments and lifestyles (4) _____ billionaire creates three million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a (5) _____ than what the average person creates. Billionaires create as much CO2 as the (6) _____ France.

The lifestyles, luxury yachts, mansions (7) _____ mean billionaires have (8) _____ footprint. An Oxfam spokesperson spoke at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt. She (9) _____ CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The major and growing responsibility of wealthy people (10) _____ is rarely discussed or considered in climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors... (11) _____ responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about billionaires' CO2 emissions 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) _____

