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**Level 3 – 10th November, 2022**

## **Billionaires create a million times more CO2**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

We all know about the damage being done to the environment by industries, households, belching cows and the release of methane from permafrost. A new report highlights a source of CO2 emissions that few of us are aware of - billionaires. The British charity Oxfam has reported that the lavish lifestyles of the world's wealthiest create significantly more CO2 than the average person. It conducted an analysis of the investments and lifestyles of 125 of the world's richest billionaires. The conclusion was that the average billionaire is responsible for 3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a million times more than the average person creates. Collectively, billionaires create as much CO2 as France.

The lifestyles of billionaires are damaging to the environment. Luxury yachts, extravagant mansions and private jets mean the super-rich have a huge carbon footprint. This is made bigger by the investments they make. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson provided 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 at the top of the corporate pyramid have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability for too long."

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<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2022/11/07/single-billionaire-produces-million-times-more-emissions-average-person-oxfam>

# WARM-UPS

**1. BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about billionaires' CO2 emissions. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

damage / environment / industries / households / belching cows / billionaire / average lifestyles / yachts / private jets / climate change / wealthy / investor / responsibility

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TAX:** Students A **strongly** believe billionaires should pay a big tax for the damage they do to the environment; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. DAMAGE:** What damage do these things do to the environment? How can we stop it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Damage	How to Stop It
Billionaires		
Cows		
Permafrost		
Fast food		
Cars		
You		

**5. COWS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cows". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. BIGGEST DAMAGE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the people who create the most environmental damage at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Billionaires
- Heads of governments
- Motorists
- Meat eaters
- Oil company CEOs
- Mining company CEOs
- Loggers
- All of us

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. household    | a. Emitting wind noisily from the stomach through the mouth.   |
| 2. belching     | b. A thick subsurface layer of soil that remains below freezing point throughout the year, mainly in polar regions.                  |
| 3. methane      | c. A home and its the people who live in it regarded as one unit.  |
| 4. permafrost   | d. Organized and carried out.  |
| 5. lavish       | e. Luxuriously rich.   |
| 6. conducted    | f. As a group; as a whole.   |
| 7. collectively | g. A colourless, odourless flammable gas which is the main constituent of natural gas. It has the chemical formula CH <sub>4</sub> . |

## Paragraph 2

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. extravagant       | h. The fact or condition of being responsible for something.  |
| 9. mansion           | i. Taken as a whole; in all.  |
| 10. carbon footprint | j. A course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.  |
| 11. overall          | k. Lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.  |
| 12. policy           | l. A large, impressive house.   |
| 13. corporate        | m. Relating to a large company or group.  |
| 14. accountability   | n. The amount of CO <sub>2</sub> released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of a particular person or business. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says cows add to the damage done to the environment. **T / F**
2. A charity made a report about the CO2 billionaires create. **T / F**
3. The article says there are just 125 billionaires in the world. **T / F**
4. The article says billionaires in France create the most CO2. **T / F**
5. The article says private jets create the most CO2. **T / F**
6. The investments made by billionaires add to CO2 emissions. **T / F**
7. A charity said many people talk about the CO2 emissions of billionaires. **T / F**
8. The article says a billionaire escaped from a pyramid. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. damage</b>        | a. examination  |
| <b>2. release</b>       | b. important    |
| <b>3. significantly</b> | c. as a whole   |
| <b>4. analysis</b>      | d. gave         |
| <b>5. collectively</b>  | e. discharge    |
| <b>6. huge</b>          | f. got away     |
| <b>7. provided</b>      | g. harm         |
| <b>8. major</b>         | h. talked about |
| <b>9. discussed</b>     | i. seriously    |
| <b>10. escaped</b>      | j. very big     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. belching                            | a. jets                   |
| 2. CO2 emissions that few              | b. of billionaires        |
| 3. It conducted an analysis            | c. CO2 as France          |
| 4. a million times more than the       | d. change                 |
| 5. billionaires create as much         | e. of us are aware of     |
| 6. The lifestyles                      | f. cows                   |
| 7. private                             | g. breakdown              |
| 8. wealthy                             | h. average person creates |
| 9. This has to                         | i. people                 |
| 10. responsibility for driving climate | j. of the investments     |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

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*source*  
*analysis*  
*average*  
*damage*  
*lavish*  
*metric*  
*belching*  
*conclusion*

The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of billionaires are damaging to the environment. Luxury yachts, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ mansions and private jets mean the super-rich have a huge carbon (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This is made bigger by the investments they make. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson provided (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely discussed or considered in climate (14) \_\_\_\_\_ making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors at the top of the corporate (15) \_\_\_\_\_ have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for too long."

*footprint*  
*major*  
*accountability*  
*lifestyles*  
*pyramid*  
*details*  
*extravagant*  
*policy*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

- 1) the damage being done to the environment by industries, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. households, belching crows
  - b. households, belching clowns
  - c. households, belching cowers
  - d. households, belching cows
- 2) A new report highlights a source of CO2 emissions that few of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. us are aware
  - b. us are beware
  - c. us are away
  - d. us are a where
- 3) The British charity Oxfam has reported that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the slavish lifestyles
  - b. the lavish lifestyles
  - c. the rubbish lifestyles
  - d. the rabid lifestyles
- 4) The conclusion was that the average billionaire is responsible for 3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. millions metric tons
  - b. million metric tons
  - c. million metric ton
  - d. millions metric ton
- 5) Collectively, billionaires create as much \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. CO2 as France
  - b. CO2 was France
  - c. CO2 as French
  - d. CO2 as France
- 6) Luxury yachts, extravagant mansions \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and privation jets
  - b. and private jet
  - c. and private jets
  - d. and privately jets
- 7) and private jets mean the super-rich have a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hug carbon footprint
  - b. huge carbon footprint
  - c. huge carb on footprint
  - d. huge carbon feet print
- 8) COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spokesperson provide it details
  - b. spokesperson provided detail
  - c. spokesperson provide detail
  - d. spokesperson provided details
- 9) wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely discussed or considered in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. climate policy making
  - b. climate policies making
  - c. climate policy make in
  - d. climate policy make kin
- 10) She added these billionaire investors at the top of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the corporate pier mid
  - b. the corporate per amid
  - c. the corporate pyramid
  - d. the corporate pier amid

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The lifestyles of billionaires (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. Luxury yachts, extravagant mansions and private jets mean the super-rich have a (8) \_\_\_\_\_. This is made bigger by the investments they make. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson (9) \_\_\_\_\_ CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The major and growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall (10) \_\_\_\_\_ discussed or considered in climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors at the top of the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have (12) \_\_\_\_\_ too long."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

1. What does the article say cows do that damages the environment?
2. What kind of organization made a report on billionaires and CO2?
3. How many billionaires did the report look at?
4. How much more CO2 does a billionaire create than an average person?
5. What country produces the same amount of CO2 as the billionaires?
6. What two kinds of transport do billionaires use that creates CO2?
7. What kind of carbon footprint do billionaires have?
8. Where did the head of a charity speak?
9. What did a charity say the billionaires were at the top of?
10. What did a charity say billionaires have escaped from?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

- 1) What does the article say cows do that damages the environment?
  - a) they break wind
  - b) they belch
  - c) they eat too much grass
  - d) they have too many calves
- 2) What kind of organization made a report on billionaires and CO2?
  - a) an accountancy company
  - b) a school
  - c) a government department
  - d) a charity
- 3) How many billionaires did the report look at?
  - a) 125
  - b) 126
  - c) 127
  - d) 128
- 4) How much more CO2 does a billionaire create than an average person?
  - a) a hundred thousand times more
  - b) a billion times more
  - c) a million times more
  - d) 10 thousand times more
- 5) What country produces the same amount of CO2 as the billionaires?
  - a) Brazil
  - b) France
  - c) Vanuatu
  - d) Namibia
- 6) What two kinds of transport do billionaires use that creates CO2?
  - a) yachts and jets
  - b) rockets and e-scooters
  - c) limousines and helicopters
  - d) trains and speed boats
- 7) What kind of carbon footprint do billionaires have?
  - a) a green one
  - b) a dirty one
  - c) a huge one
  - d) an old one
- 8) Where did the head of a charity speak?
  - a) at COP 27
  - b) at the charity's HQ
  - c) New York
  - d) at the UN
- 9) What did a charity say the billionaires were at the top of?
  - a) the corporate pyramid
  - b) their game
  - c) the tree
  - d) the rich list
- 10) What did a charity say billionaires have escaped from?
  - a) boredom
  - b) prison
  - c) poverty
  - d) accountability

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Billionaires**

You think billionaires cause the most damage to the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these causes the least damage (and why): motorists, loggers or heads of governments.

## **Role B – Motorists**

You think motorists cause the most damage to the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these causes the least damage (and why): billionaires, loggers or heads of governments.

## **Role C – Loggers**

You think loggers cause the most damage to the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these causes the least damage (and why): motorists, billionaires or heads of governments.

## **Role D – Heads of Governments**

You think heads of governments cause the most damage to the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which of these causes the least damage (and why): motorists, loggers or billionaires.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'CO2' and 'billionaire'.

<b>CO2</b>	<b>billionaire</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cows</li><li>• few</li><li>• lavish</li><li>• analysis</li><li>• 125</li><li>• France</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• yachts</li><li>• huge</li><li>• details</li><li>• rarely</li><li>• top</li><li>• long</li></ul>
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# BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

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.

# **BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'CO2'?
3. What damage does CO2 do to the environment?
4. How is CO2 created?
5. What should billionaires do to cut down on CO2 emissions?
6. Should billionaires change their lifestyles?
7. Should billionaires have to pay a huge environmental tax?
8. What do you know about the dangers of melting permafrost?
9. Should everyone get back to living a simple life?
10. What environmental advice do you have for billionaires?

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# **BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'billionaire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would your daily lifestyle be like as a billionaire?
15. Would you like a huge mansion and a private jet?
16. What will the COP27 conference change?
17. How can billionaires invest to help the environment?
18. What will our environment be like in 20 years from now?
19. How can we make billionaires more accountable?
20. What questions would you like to ask Oxfam?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

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The lifestyles of billionaires are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the environment. Luxury yachts, extravagant mansions and private jets mean the super-rich have a huge carbon footprint. This is made bigger by the investments they (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson provided (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The major and growing responsibility of wealthy people for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ emissions is rarely discussed or considered in climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors at the top of the corporate (11) \_\_\_\_\_ have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for too long."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                    |                   |                  |                  |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) having         | (b) doing         | (c) being        | (d) spring       |
| 2.  | (a) few            | (b) scant         | (c) sparse       | (d) little       |
| 3.  | (a) lavish         | (b) slavish       | (c) relish       | (d) polish       |
| 4.  | (a) of             | (b) on            | (c) to           | (d) by           |
| 5.  | (a) seclusion      | (b) reclusion     | (c) inclusion    | (d) conclusion   |
| 6.  | (a) Seductively    | (b) Destructively | (c) Reflectively | (d) Collectively |
| 7.  | (a) damaging       | (b) damages       | (c) damage       | (d) damaged      |
| 8.  | (a) profit         | (b) spend         | (c) invest       | (d) make         |
| 9.  | (a) details        | (b) entrails      | (c) retails      | (d) entails      |
| 10. | (a) coverall       | (b) overall       | (c) overalls     | (d) viral        |
| 11. | (a) orb            | (b) pyramid       | (c) sphere       | (d) quadrangle   |
| 12. | (a) accountability | (b) accountants   | (c) accounts     | (d) accountancy  |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. damage being done to the environment by etdirusnis
2. englcibh cows
3. the release of naemhte from permafrost
4. sivahl lifestyles
5. igatnisfcyiln more CO2
6. 3 million tiermc tons of carbon dioxide

## Paragraph 2

7. Luxury yshcta
8. a huge carbon ntripfoto
9. oarelv emissions
10. climate ocypil making
11. top of the corporate ipdymar
12. They have escaped ctulacbanytiio

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) lifestyles of the world's wealthiest create significantly more CO2 than the average person. It conducted an analysis
- ( **1** ) We all know about the damage being done to the environment by industries, households, belching
- ( ) for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability for too long."
- ( ) of the investments and lifestyles of 125 of the world's richest billionaires. The conclusion was that the average billionaire is
- ( ) responsible for 3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is a million times
- ( ) discussed or considered in climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These
- ( ) more than the average person creates. Collectively, billionaires create as much CO2 as France.
- ( ) make. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson provided details
- ( ) cows and the release of methane from permafrost. A new report highlights a source of CO2 emissions that few
- ( ) about CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The major and growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions is rarely
- ( ) billionaire investors at the top of the corporate pyramid have a huge responsibility
- ( ) jets mean the super-rich have a huge carbon footprint. This is made bigger by the investments they
- ( ) The lifestyles of billionaires are damaging to the environment. Luxury yachts, extravagant mansions and private
- ( ) of us are aware of - billionaires. The British charity Oxfam has reported that the lavish

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

1. by industries . done Damage to the being environment
2. permafrost . released methane the from Belching and cows
3. The lifestyles world's of lavish the wealthiest people .
4. of the conducted investments . an analysis It
5. Collectively, as much as France . create billionaires CO2
6. of are billionaires the damaging to Lifestyles environment .
7. a huge The have super-rich footprint . carbon world's
8. wealthy responsibility emissions . Growing people for of overall
9. top of the corporate at the pyramid . Investors
10. for accountability have escaped long . They too

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2211/221110-super-rich-co2-emissions.html>

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The lifestyles of billionaires are damaging to the environment. Luxury yachts, *extravagant / extravagance* mansions and private jets mean the super-rich have a *huge / hugely* carbon footprint. This is made bigger by the investments they *invest / make*. Speaking at the COP 27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, an Oxfam spokesperson *provided / divided* details about CO2 and the super-rich. She said: "The *majority / major* and growing responsibility *of / to* wealthy people for overall emissions *are / is* rarely discussed or considered *in / on* climate policy making. This has to change." She added: "These billionaire investors at the top of the corporate *quadrangle / pyramid* have a huge responsibility for driving climate breakdown. They have escaped accountability for *far / too* long."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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W\_ \_ll kn\_w \_b\_\_t th\_ d\_m\_g\_ b\_\_ng d\_n\_ t\_ th\_ \_nv\_r\_nm\_nt by \_nd\_str\_\_s, h\_\_s\_h\_lds, b\_lch\_ng c\_ws \_nd th\_ r\_l\_\_s\_ \_f m\_th\_n\_ fr\_m p\_rm\_fr\_st. \_ n\_w r\_p\_rt h\_ghl\_ghts \_ s\_\_rc\_ \_f C\_2 \_m\_ss\_\_ns th\_t f\_w \_f \_s \_r\_ \_w\_r\_ \_f - b\_ll\_\_n\_\_r\_s. Th\_ Br\_t\_sh ch\_r\_ty \_xf\_m h\_s r\_p\_rt\_d th\_t th\_ l\_v\_sh l\_fstyl\_s \_f th\_ w\_rld's w\_\_lth\_\_st cr\_\_t\_ s\_gn\_f\_c\_ntly m\_r\_ C\_2 th\_n th\_ \_v\_r\_g\_ p\_rs\_n. \_t c\_nd\_ct\_d \_n \_n\_lys\_s \_n th\_ \_nv\_stm\_nts \_nd l\_fstyl\_s \_f 125 \_f th\_ w\_rld's r\_ch\_st b\_ll\_\_n\_\_r\_s. Th\_ c\_ncl\_s\_\_n w\_s th\_t th\_ \_v\_r\_g\_ b\_ll\_\_n\_\_r\_ \_s r\_sp\_ns\_bl\_ f\_r 3 m\_ll\_\_n m\_tr\_c\_t\_ns \_f c\_rb\_n d\_\_x\_d\_ p\_r\_y\_\_r. Th\_s \_s \_m\_ll\_\_n t\_m\_s m\_r\_ th\_n th\_ \_v\_r\_g\_ p\_rs\_n cr\_\_t\_s. C\_ll\_ct\_v\_ly, b\_ll\_\_n\_\_r\_s cr\_\_t\_ \_s m\_ch C\_2 \_s Fr\_nc\_.

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. BILLIONAIRES' CO2 EMISSIONS:** Make a poster about billionaires' CO2 emissions. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CO2 TAX:** Write a magazine article about billionaires paying a CO2 emissions tax. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on CO2 emissions. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what billionaires can do to reduce emissions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. a    3. g    4. b    5. e    6. d    7. f  
8. k    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. j    13. m    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. d	8. b	9. h	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. They belch
2. A charity
3. 125
4. A million times more
5. France
6. Yachts and jets
7. A huge one
8. At COP27
9. The corporate pyramid
10. Accountability

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Damage being done to the environment by industries.
2. Belching cows and the released methane from permafrost.
3. The lavish lifestyles of the world's wealthiest people.
4. It conducted an analysis of the investments.
5. Collectively, billionaires create as much CO2 as France.
6. Lifestyles of billionaires are damaging to the environment.
7. The world's super-rich have a huge carbon footprint.
8. Growing responsibility of wealthy people for overall emissions.
9. Investors at the top of the corporate pyramid.
10. They have escaped accountability for too long.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)