

1 Choose the correct options in the text.

In recent years, worries over climate change have ¹*(triggered)* / *marketed* a growth in the renewable energy industry. Oil production will gradually become ²*drawback* / *obsolete* as it makes way for greener energy sources. Offshore wind farms are at the ³*cutting edge* / *breakthrough* of renewable energy and some companies are now testing a ⁴*launch* / *prototype* for a floating wind turbine. However, this development is not going to be ⁵*triggered* / *launched* as operators still have to overcome some ⁶*drawbacks* / *radical* such as the stability of the turbine. Hydrogen is another form of green energy that could lead to ⁷*development* / *technological advances* in public transport. Again, there have been some ⁸*breakthroughs* / *prototypes* in science in this area, but it is not going to be readily available for a few years.

2 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–H).

- 1 The police received a hostile *D*.....
 - 2 I don't think this new design will catch *.....*
 - 3 Many scientists believe difficult times will lie *.....*
 - 4 A lot of governments look upon *.....*
 - 5 I believe our government will have done away *.....*
 - 6 It's always important to check *.....*
 - 7 All this single-use plastic in your rubbish makes it apparent *.....*
 - 8 If household air conditioning systems are not cleaned, they can emit *.....*
- A** on at all, the bag is not practical and it's ugly.
B that you don't care much about the environment.
C ahead if we don't pay more attention to climate change issues.
D reaction from the protesters as they tried to end the march.
E environmental protesters as a nuisance.
F out the energy efficiency rating of an electrical appliance before you buy it.
G with cars that run on petrol or diesel by 2035.
H toxic fumes that can cause dizziness or nausea.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

apparent	appropriate	catch on
conscious	hostile	inferior
notorious	toxic	vulnerable

- 1 Did you know that carbon monoxide is a very *toxic* gas?
- 2 In science fiction films, why are aliens often considered to be a *inferior*, destructive species?
- 3 It will soon become *apparent* that this new government scheme is poorly planned. There are already big problems with it.

- 4 This company is *conscious* for not following government regulations on toxic waste management.
- 5 It's great to see so many young people are *catching on* of the world's environmental issues and are keen to solve them.
- 6 I think this climate activist's social media campaign is going to *launch* very fast. She already has thousands of followers.
- 7 Why aren't we doing more to protect endangered species that are so *radical* and close to extinction?
- 8 These boots are perfect for a country walk, you won't find a more *appropriate* pair anywhere. You should buy them now.
- 9 I can't make up my mind which bag to buy; the quality of this one is *inferior*, but it's made from recycled material which is better.

4 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

catching on	come across as	conscious
do away with	foolish	launch
obsolete	radical	toxic

- Dean:** Did you ¹ *launch* your environmental campaign last month?
- Lily:** Yes, I did. The social media campaign is ² *catching on* and we have over five hundred followers now. By the end of this week we'll have visited every primary classroom in the area. We're giving the kids ideas about how to be more environmentally friendly. Actually, I felt a bit ³ *foolish* at times because the kids are all clearly very ⁴ *radical* of these issues. I hope we didn't ⁵ *come across as* condescending.
- Dean:** I'm sure you didn't. Did you give them any ⁶ *appropriate* new ideas?
- Lily:** Not really. But we told them about the dangers of old batteries and how they can leak ⁷ *toxic* chemicals. We also reminded them that ⁸ *obsolete* electronic devices, like old computers and phones can be recycled, so they shouldn't just throw them away.
- Dean:** That makes sense. I saw that the cafe is going to ⁹ *do away with* plastic straws and paper cups, which is another great idea.
- Lily:** It is, isn't it?

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- 2 obsolete
- 3 cutting edge
- 4 prototype
- 5 launched
- 6 drawbacks
- 7 technological advances
- 8 breakthroughs

2

- 2 A
- 3 C
- 4 E
- 5 G
- 6 F
- 7 B
- 8 H

3

- 2 hostile
- 3 apparent
- 4 notorious
- 5 conscious
- 6 catch on
- 7 vulnerable
- 8 appropriate
- 9 inferior

4

- 2 catching on
- 3 foolish
- 4 conscious
- 5 come across as
- 6 radical
- 7 toxic
- 8 obsolete
- 9 do away with