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Korea's energy-saving thermal underwear

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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South Korea's government workers are helping to save energy by wearing thermal underwear. The government ordered all civil servants to switch off the heating and wear long johns instead. Freezing cold temperatures in Korea mean there is a record demand for electricity. Government offices must now be kept below 18 degrees Celsius (64 degrees Fahrenheit). Government official Roh Keon-Ki told the AFP news agency: "The country may face a severe electricity shortage if the current pace of heating consumption continues."

Other countries need to look at the example set by Korea. We are using too much energy and this is bad for the planet. Wearing extra clothes to work to save energy seems a very sensible idea. Eighteen degrees Celsius isn't really that cold. Everyone could work perfectly well with an extra layer or two of clothes. Many of us have become spoilt by heating and air-conditioning. We waste so much energy just by turning them on when maybe we don't need to. We need to look at how Koreans are saving energy.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. government | a. temperatures |
| 2. civil | b. degrees Celsius |
| 3. Freezing cold | c. workers |
| 4. a record demand | d. shortage |
| 5. kept below 18 | e. servants |
| 6. a severe electricity | f. for electricity |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. look at the example | a. much energy |
| 2. We are using too | b. spoilt |
| 3. a very sensible | c. of clothes |
| 4. an extra layer or two | d. set by Korea |
| 5. Many of us have become | e. are saving energy |
| 6. look at how Koreans | f. idea |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Other countries _____ example set by Korea. We are using too much energy _____ the planet. Wearing extra clothes _____ energy seems a very sensible idea. Eighteen degrees Celsius isn't really that cold. Everyone could work perfectly well _____ or two of clothes. Many of us have become spoilt by heating and air-conditioning. _____ energy just by turning them on when maybe we don't need to. We _____ how Koreans are saving energy.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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South Korea's government workers are helping (1) _____ save energy by wearing thermal underwear. The government ordered all civil servants to switch off the heating and wear long johns (2) _____. Freezing cold temperatures in Korea mean there is a (3) _____ demand for electricity. Government offices must now be kept (4) _____ 18 degrees Celsius (64 degrees Fahrenheit). Government official Roh Keon-Ki told the AFP news agency: "The country may (5) _____ a severe electricity shortage if the current (6) _____ of heating consumption continues."

Other countries need to look at the example (7) _____ by Korea. We are using too much energy and this is bad for the planet. Wearing extra clothes to work to save energy (8) _____ a very sensible idea. Eighteen degrees Celsius isn't (9) _____ that cold. Everyone could work (10) _____ well with an extra layer or two of clothes. Many of us have become spoilt by heating and air-conditioning. We waste (11) _____ much energy just by turning them on when maybe we don't need (12) _____. We need to look at how Koreans are saving energy.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) at | (b) to | (c) by |
| 2. (a) instead | (b) steady | (c) steadily |
| 3. (a) recording | (b) records | (c) record |
| 4. (a) less | (b) below | (c) lower |
| 5. (a) face | (b) head | (c) nose |
| 6. (a) face | (b) race | (c) pace |
| 7. (a) let | (b) bet | (c) set |
| 8. (a) seem | (b) seems | (c) seeming |
| 9. (a) really | (b) real | (c) reality |
| 10. (a) perfect | (b) perfectly | (c) perfects |
| 11. (a) so | (b) lot | (c) many |
| 12. (a) this | (b) too | (c) to |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. government erowrks
2. civil vrnsstea
3. nrgeezfi cold
4. record ameddn for electricity
5. 18 gedsere Celsius
6. electricity oreghtsa

Paragraph 2

7. the aepelmx set by Korea
8. bad for the taplen
9. a very sesibenl idea
10. work lptrecyef well
11. an extra ryael
12. taews so much energy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () offices must now be kept below 18 degrees Celsius (64 degrees Fahrenheit). Government
- () idea. Eighteen degrees Celsius isn't really that cold. Everyone could work perfectly
- () Other countries need to look at the example set by Korea. We are using too much energy and this is
- () air-conditioning. We waste so much energy just by turning them on when maybe
- () instead. Freezing cold temperatures in Korea mean there is a record demand for electricity. Government
- () government ordered all civil servants to switch off the heating and wear long johns
- () bad for the planet. Wearing extra clothes to work to save energy seems a very sensible
- () well with an extra layer or two of clothes. Many of us have become spoilt by heating and
- () official Roh Keon-Ki told the AFP news agency: "The country may face a severe electricity
- () shortage if the current pace of heating consumption continues."
- () we don't need to. We need to look at how Koreans are saving energy.
- (**1**) South Korea's government workers are helping to save energy by wearing thermal underwear. The

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. save underwear energy by Helping wearing to thermal.

2. off civil switch heating all to the Ordered servants.

3. demand record a is There electricity for.

4. Offices below must 18 now degrees be kept.

5. a The severe country electricity may shortage face.

6. at Look Korea by set example the.

7. work Wearing to extra save clothes energy to.

8. clothes of two or layer extra An.

9. just by turning them on We waste so much energy.

10. Look energy saving are Koreans how at.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about saving energy for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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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. SAVING ENERGY: Search the Internet and find more information about saving energy. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about saving energy. Include imaginary interviews with the experts. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to an energy-saving expert. Ask him/her three questions about saving energy. Give him/her three of your opinions on how to do it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.