



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING AIR QUALITY

READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS.



The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced a shocking finding about the air we breathe. It said almost everyone on Earth breathes unhealthy air. The WHO's air quality update said that 99 per cent of the world's population breathes air that breaks air quality limits. Researchers looked at data from over 6,000 cities in 117 countries. People living in poorer countries breathe the unhealthiest air. Millions of people die in these countries from pollution-related diseases. The WHO said: "After surviving a pandemic, it is unacceptable to still have 7 million preventable deaths...due to air pollution."

The WHO stressed the need to move away from fossil fuels. It asked governments to do more to cut air pollution. It wants the world to quickly change to cleaner and healthier energy. It added that high gas prices, energy security, air pollution, and climate change mean the world must use fossil fuels less. The WHO report has many recommendations for change. One of these is the use of clean energy for cooking, heating and lighting. Another is to "build safe and affordable public transport systems and pedestrian- and cycle-friendly networks".

QUESTIONS

- 1) **Who does the WHO say breathes unhealthy air?**
 - a) People who live near factories
 - b) All of us
 - c) People in developed countries
 - d) Almost everyone on Earth

- 2) **What day is April 7th?**

a) World Pollution Day	c) World Air Day
b) World Health Day	d) World Clean Air

- 3) **How many cities were part of the WHO air quality update?**

a) Just under 6,000	c) Around 6,000
b) Exactly 6,000	d) More than 6,000

- 4) **Where do people breathe the poorest-quality air?**
a) **Middle- and higher-income countries**
b) **Middle- to higher-income countries**
c) **Lower- and middle-income countries**
d) **The lowest-income countries**
- 5) **How many people might be alive if there were cleaner air?**
a) **Five to six million** c) **Six to seven million**
b) **Six million** d) **Seven million**
- 6) **What does the WHO say we need to move away from?**
a) **Cities** c) **Fossil fuels**
b) **Factories** d) **Using 4WD cars**
- 7) **What does the WHO say we need to transition to?**
a) **Cleaner energy systems** c) **Solar power**
b) **Natural gas** d) **Electric cars**
- 8) **How many recommendations for change did the WHO make?**
a) **22** c) **Many**
b) **A few** d) **Dozens**
- 9) **What should clean energy be used for besides cooking and heating?**
a) **Solar power** c) **Cars**
b) **Lighting** d) **Breathing**
- 10) **Who should have friendlier networks besides cyclists?**
a) **Pedestrians** c) **Office workers**
b) **Joggers** d) **Factory workers**

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