

Passage

More than 200 canary birds are being phased out of Britain's mining pits, according to new plans by the government. Modern technology is being favoured over the long-serving yellow feathered friend of the miner in detecting harmful gases which may be present underground.

New electronic detectors will replace the bird because they are said to be cheaper in the long run and more effective in indicating the presence of pollutants in the air otherwise unnoticed by miners. The gas detectors will be hand-held and carry a digital reading which appears on a screen alerting miners to the extent of the gases.

Choose a word or words from the passage above which are synonyms for the words below. Answers do not come in order.

1. preferred
2. gradually stop using
3. substitute
4. employed since way back
5. existence
6. portable
7. bird (canary)
8. ultimately