

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN MOROCCO

[1] Morocco is the biggest importer of energy in North Africa. With growing energy consumption, Morocco is trying alternative solutions to meet its demands while keeping the environment clean. Moreover, the country aims at becoming a major producer of renewable energy.

[2] Morocco has wind energy production of over 800 megawatts already in operation and has recently inaugurated Africa's largest wind farm. As for hydroelectric power (energy generated from water), Morocco has programmed a new station of energy transfer by pumping water in the region of Agadir. This station will be operational in 2020.

[3] Yet, the perfect answer to the country's heavy energy demands is the solar power plants. As world leaders were discussing the effects of climate change in Paris Conference, Morocco had already started a very ambitious clean energy project, named "Noor" in the area of Ouarzazate, taking advantage of the Sahara sunshine. It is the largest solar power production facility in the world.



[4] With a capacity of 580 megawatts, Noor power station is expected to occupy a space as big as the city of Rabat and provide electricity to 1 million homes. It is the fruit of the country's efforts in recent years to reduce dependence on imported energy. The first phase of the project, Noor 1, is already operating. This first station alone can produce a power equivalent to 160 megawatts and provide energy to 650,000 locals from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Noor 2 and Noor 3 will follow soon. Environmentally, once the three plants are operational, gas emissions should decrease significantly.

[5] Renewable energy in Morocco is also contributing to the development of job creation and the improvement of social services. Noor 1 alone has created around 1,000 jobs in the region of Ouarzazate. Moreover, the millions of dollars spent on importing oil will now be used to finance social services such as building more schools and hospitals.

[6] In order to sustain our development and keep a better future for the coming generations, we need to make our energy sector cleaner. Morocco is a shining example to follow with regards to solar and wind energy in Africa. The 2016 conference on climate change, which is to be hosted in Marrakech, will further highlight Morocco's efforts to become a leader in the use of renewable energies.



SECTION I COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A/ ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY.

Morocco has a new project to produce energy from water.

True False

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Noor 1 can provide local people with energy all day and night.

True False

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B/ MATCH THE MAIN IDEA WITH ITS CORRESPONDING PARAGRAPH.

MAIN IDEA	N° of the paragraph
a. Social and economic benefits of renewable energy in morocco.	Paragraph N°.....
b. Morocco is a leading example of renewable energy in Africa	Paragraph N°.....
c. Description of Noor project.	Paragraph N°.....

C/ ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Name two types of renewable energy mentioned in the text.

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What was the aim of the Paris Conference?

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D/ COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

Ouarzazate is an ideal place for Noor project because

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Morocco will use the money spent on importing oil on

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E/ FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT ARE SYNONYMS OF....

increasing (paragraph 1)

the result (paragraph 4)

F/ CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

In my opinion, the writer is...

- a. neutral about the Noor project
- b. enthusiastic about the Noor project
- c. worried about the future of the Noor project

SECTION II: LANGUAGE

A/ FILL IN EACH GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE WORD FROM THE LIST.

Do you enjoy mysteries or science fiction books?

read - reading - to read

The police are taking the criminal back to the apartment he killed the old woman.

which - whose - where

B/ FILL IN EACH GAP WITH THE CORRECT PHRASAL VERB FROM THE LIST.

went out - came back - put out - found out - brought back

Wife: I just that Tommy isn't taking school seriously.

Husband: How come?

Wife: When I home from work, the school called to tell me that his grades were below average.

C/ PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE.

Dear mum,

I (have) a good time in Paris for the last couple of weeks. I'll be back in Manchester tomorrow. I (call) you as soon as I get to the airport. See you!

D/ GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS.

Morocco is a tourist (attract / attraction / attractive) for its nice weather, the hospitality and (kindness / kindful / kindness) of its people.

E/ JOIN THE FOLLOWING PAIRS OF SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

Kenza works hard at the office. She always finds time to help her son with his homework. (although)

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Taoufik joined his friends on Facebook. He wanted to share his new photos with them. (in order to)

F/ COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGES.

Speaker: Videoconferencing is very effective in distance learning.

You: (Express agreement)

Father: The use of the internet may have bad effects on your studies.

You: (Express disagreement)

