**BE15\_13 WEEK 1 (30/3 – 3/4/2020)**

**READING RECORD**

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| **No.** | **Text Title** | **Summary** | **Collocations** |
| **Example** | We need more green buildings | The text is about ecologically responsible construction. The author suggests that there is a current trend in construction towards green buildings. A specific example of an eco-home is the Earthship straw houses in New Mexico, USA. The Zulehka Hospital in the UAE is an example of a public eco-building, and the ‘Hobbit House’ in Wales is a type of eco-building used for residential purposes. The text also presents the pros and cons of producing eco-buildings by discussing the issue of affordability and concludes by emphasizing the need to produce eco-buildings. | * to reduce waste * to reduce pollution * to be good for the environment * to be constructed from recycled bottles etc. * to be filled with soil * to make something green etc. |
| **1.** | Are we living in the digital dark ages? | The text is about the so-called digital dark ages when digital technology cannot keeping up the need to save records. The author gives two special examples to explain the situation. The article also suggests that important records like government documents should transform into the new forms of storage technology as they emerge. It is very important to get the job done so that we can go out of the digital dark ages. | * a box of memorabilia * their excitement be followed by frustration * expanded our capacity to store information * disappear in a flash * to recover and preserve digital records * disappear into the digital dark ages |
| **2.** | [Generating Energy from the wind](https://newsela.com/read/natgeo-wind-energy/id/49407/?collection_id=2000000398) | This article introduces the principle, evolution and the current utilization status of wind energy. Firstly, it introduces two kinds of wind turbines: Horizontal-axis and vertical-axis wind turbines, and explains how they work. Next, it introduces the wind farms which generate a large amount of electricity, but the farms can be just an addition to traditional power sources due to the inconsistent property of wind. Then, it talks about the windmills and the evolution of wind energy. It describes the historical usage of the windmills which eventually developed to wind turbines to generate electricity in 1887. The article ends by summarizing wind energy's advantages and challenges, as well as some fast facts. | * To make a comeback * To capture energy * Makes … a poor candidate to be… * To harness energy * To fall out of favor * To destroy habitats of species |
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