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Words in the News

British sea power



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Transcript

Six of the world's first tidal **lagoon** power stations could be built on this bit of British coastline.

Plans have been announced to construct a number of giant man-made lakes which will trap **incoming** and **outgoing** tides.

The stations will **harness** the weight of the water to **generate** power.

Together they could make eight per cent of the UK's electricity.

Vocabulary

lagoon

an area of sea water separated from the sea by rocks, sand or a man-made barrier

incoming

moving towards

outgoing

leaving/moving away

harness

control something so you can use its power

generate

(here) make energy for

Watch the video online: British sea power

<http://bbc.in/1B68s2W>

Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

lagoon/incoming/outgoing/harness/generate

1. Bacteria living in our guts seem to be affecting our waistlines and _____ them could lead to new ways of shedding the pounds, US research suggests.
2. In October, the country began enforcing strict travel restrictions on _____ tourists including a 21-day quarantine.
3. Plans for the attraction include a seashore with ammonites and Jurassic oysters that lived in the tropical seas, _____ and beaches with fossils, interactive displays and robot swimming plesiosaurs in an aquarium.
4. The _____ Namibian President Hifikepunye Pohamba has won the world's most valuable individual award, the Mo Ibrahim prize for African leadership.
5. In the Middle East and parts of Central and South America, oil is in direct competition with renewables to _____ electricity, so solar power in particular will suffer at the hands of cheap oil.

Answers

1. Bacteria living in our guts seem to be affecting our waistlines and **harnessing** them could lead to new ways of shedding the pounds, US research suggests.

Source: Gut bacteria 'may be obesity weapon'

<http://bbc.in/1nyqBBC>

2. In October, the country began enforcing strict travel restrictions on **incoming** tourists including a 21-day quarantine.

Source: North Korea bans foreigners from Pyongyang marathon over Ebola

<http://bbc.in/1B6AMUk>

3. Plans for the attraction include a seashore with ammonites and Jurassic oysters that lived in the tropical seas, **lagoons** and beaches with fossils, interactive displays and robot swimming plesiosaurs in an aquarium.

Source: Jurassic dinosaur museum model unveiled

<http://bbc.in/1a1L8zM>

4. The **outgoing** Namibian President Hifikepunye Pohamba has won the world's most valuable individual award, the Mo Ibrahim prize for African leadership.

Source: Mo Ibrahim prize: Namibia President Pohamba gets \$5m award

<http://bbc.in/1M3CfOG>

5. In the Middle East and parts of Central and South America, oil is in direct competition with renewables to **generate** electricity, so solar power in particular will suffer at the hands of cheap oil.

Source: Are low oil prices here to stay?

<http://bbc.in/1LBhERz>