

I - COMPRÉHENSION

Avantages liés à l'utilisation de biocarburants

- L'utilisation de biocarburants peut présenter une alternative à la combustion de carburants d'origine fossile et s'avère donc bénéfique pour l'environnement (moins d'émissions de CO₂). → doc 1
- Plusieurs pays, parmi les plus pauvres de la planète, gagneraient à produire des biocarburants. Cela réduirait sensiblement leur facture énergétique et créerait des emplois. → docs 1 & 4
- Les pays développés tentent via la législation de promouvoir les biocarburants et de réduire ainsi leur dépendance énergétique. → doc 3
- L'expérience brésilienne en ce domaine est un succès, tant sur le plan économique que social. → docs 1 & 3

Inconvénients liés à l'utilisation de biocarburants

- Le recours aux biocarburants serait responsable d'une hausse des prix des denrées alimentaires et entraînerait la précarisation des plus démunis, surtout dans les pays en voie de développement. → doc 2
- L'utilisation de biocarburants serait source de malnutrition dans le monde car elle prive les pays de zones agricoles normalement dévolues à l'alimentation. → docs 2 & 4
- Les terres cultivées aux États-Unis pour la production d'éthanol pourraient nourrir quelque 350 millions de personnes. → doc 2
- La production de biocarburants ne répond donc pas au défi démographique de la planète (quelque 200 000 bouches de plus à nourrir chaque jour). → doc 2
- Bien qu'en théorie elle présente un bilan énergétique neutre, la production de biocarburants a en réalité un coût écologique conséquent. → doc 3

II - EXPRESSION EN LANGUE ANGLAISE

1. To which extent can we say that the Americans are ready to reduce their oil consumption? Answer the question with a detailed analysis of the cartoon.

- Oil addiction of the US – (Uncle) Sam represents the oil-addicted US/Americans.
- He is sipping oil from cans like soda / he is constantly feeding on oil / he can't do without oil / he is an oil addict.
- Obama's role: political wish to change things.
- He wishes to boost alternative energies to make America be less dependent on oil / petroleum.
- There's no time to waste. It's not too late – there's still hope.
- (Uncle) Sam looks very enthusiastic about Obama's solutions.
- Yet, the last frame contradicts all the good resolutions / intentions: (Uncle) Sam needs his car to move / to make the slightest move / to go and act – meaning he has understood nothing of the message of the president.



- The message sounds pessimistic: the US is not ready to stop using oil and to fully embrace alternative energies.
- They can't give up driving their cars (lack of public transport, suburban life, long distances, etc.).
- One solution could / would be to partially subsidize hybrid cars as California does.
- Reducing car driving by encouraging walking /using public transport would be good for the environment as well as health.
- Alternative energies would slash the US energy bill and make the Americans less dependent on oil imports.
- US farmers could produce more biofuels.
- Other countries in the world are in the same position as the US, finding it hard to decrease oil consumption despite the inconvenient truth of global warming...

2. Document professionnel à rédiger en anglais

Vous êtes Nora White / John White et vous dirigez une entreprise de services. Dans le cadre de la politique de développement durable de votre entreprise, vous rédigez un courriel adressé à vos collaborateurs et votre personnel, leur demandant de limiter les gaspillages au sein de la société (impression des documents, utilisation des fournitures, etc.). Vous soulignez l'ensemble des avantages d'une telle pratique pour l'entreprise. (150 mots +/- 10%, indiquez le nombre de mots)

Courriel

FROM Nora White / John White, Managing Director / CEO
TO All Managers and Staff Members / All Staff
DATE 9 June
RE Company's Sustainable Development Policy

Dear All,

Further to the decision to implement a sustainable development policy in the company, I would like to remind you that a few simple measures can be taken to change our carbon footprint / impact on the environment by using less energy, paper and water.

Here are my suggestions / Here are a few tips to reduce waste in our company.

- We should put sustainable development into practice / We should make it our top priority
- Make sure you switch off your computers and the lights before leaving the office
- Use recycled paper whenever you can
- Please ask yourself whether it is really necessary to print all the documents you have to read
- Color / colour printing should be avoided at all costs
- Store as many documents online as possible, instead of printing them
- We must stop wasting paper in our company every day
- When the weather is mild, turn off the air conditioning and open the windows
- Bring your own coffee mug instead of using plastic cups
- Try not to use too much water

Together we can make substantial cost savings. This will be good for both our company and the environment. Thanks to your help, this policy will become part of our marketing strategy. It will improve the image of our company and probably attract many environmentally-conscious customers.

Yours faithfully / Yours / Best regards / Regards

Nora White / John White, Managing Director / CEO