

Unit 7

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1 Read the letter. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The writer wants to give his opinion on an article.
- 2 Rising oil prices mean that oil is being conserved.
- 3 The government must develop alternatives to oil.
- 4 The consequences would be serious if changes are not made.

Dear Sir,

Your newspaper recently featured an article about the government's plans for energy use in this country. I would like to make a few comments about the issues raised in the article.

Firstly, oil reserves continue to fall and the price is rising all the time. If we want to maintain our current living standards, then we must find ways to combat this problem. This means we should make more of an effort to conserve the reserves we have and to develop more oil fields for future use.

Also, we need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels as a source of energy, because they are exhaustible resources. One solution to this problem is to invest more money in clean, renewable energy sources. The government must develop wind and solar energy parks for our future energy needs.

At the moment, scarce resources are being wasted, while abundant renewable ones are not being developed for use. If something is not done soon to change this, it could be disastrous for our society in the very near future.

I look forward to reading the views of other readers on this issue.

Yours,

James Roth

2 Read the letter again. Then complete this plan of the main points.

Paragraph 1
<i>reason for writing</i>
Paragraph 2
Problem:
Solution:
Paragraph 3
Problem:
Solution:
Paragraph 4
Conclusion:
Paragraph
<i>closing remark to end letter</i>

