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**РАЗВИТИЕ НАВЫКОВ ЧТЕНИЯ НА АНГЛИЙСКОМ ЯЗЫКЕ НА  
СРЕДНЕМ ЭТАПЕ ОБУЧЕНИЯ. РАЗРАБОТКА УПРАЖНЕНИЙ ДЛЯ  
РАБОТЫ С ТЕКСТОМ ДЛЯ ЧТЕНИЯ**

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В курсе углублённого изучения английского языка в VI классе есть раздел, посвящённый изучению экологии. Изучение и усвоение данной темы вызывает немало трудностей у учащихся. Данная статья представляет собой систему упражнений, составленных согласно технологии продуктивного чтения для закрепления навыков чтения и говорения по теме «Загрязнение воздуха».

**Unit 4 Air is in Danger!**

**Vocabulary**

- \_\_\_\_\_ acid rain
- \_\_\_\_\_ hole
- \_\_\_\_\_ damage
- \_\_\_\_\_ cause
- \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear
- \_\_\_\_\_ layer
- \_\_\_\_\_ survive

**Air is in Danger!**

## Preview Reading 2

1. What may the article under such a title be about? Begin your answers with:

I think that...

I suppose that...

2. Suggest words you need to speak on the above topic

nouns	verbs	adjectives
pollution	clean up	polluted

## Listening to the text

What problem is the text about?

What statue is the text about?

## Scanning (1) the text

### Air is in Danger!

When the Americans decided to clean up the Statue of Liberty in 1986, the first thing they had to do was to make a hole in her nose and take away the acid rain<sup>1</sup> that had collected inside. The polluted air of New York had mixed with the rain and damaged the Statue badly. And you certainly know that most of the pollution in big cities comes from cars and buses.

More and more often people are told not to spend too much time in direct sunlight, because ultraviolet radiation from the sun can cause skin cancer.<sup>2</sup> Normally the ozone layer<sup>3</sup> in the atmosphere protects us from such radiation, but if there are holes in the

<sup>1</sup> acid rain — кислотный дождь

<sup>2</sup> skin cancer — рак кожи

<sup>3</sup> layer — слой

ozone layer ultraviolet radiation can get to the earth. Many scientists think that these holes are the result of air pollution.

Nuclear power stations can go wrong and cause nuclear pollution. This happened in Windscale in Britain, in Three Mile Island in the USA and Chernobyl in the former Soviet Union. Nuclear pollution cannot be seen but its effects can be terrible.

To make air clean again we need good filters at nuclear power stations, at factories and plants and also in cars and buses.

Both clean air and clean water are necessary for our health. If people want to survive they must solve these problems quickly. Man is beginning to understand that his environment is not just his own town or country, but the whole earth. That's why people all over the world think and speak so much about ecology.

Why is it important to make air clean?

- Underline the sentences to answer the above question.

### **Main Ideas**

### **Scanning (2) the text**

Mark the sentences to answer the question, 'Where does air pollution in the cities come from?'

### **Vocabulary**

Find & underline words or word combinations (10) in the text

*to take away the acid rain*

*to damage the Statue badly*

*direct sunlight*

*to cause skin cancer*

*to protect from*

*nuclear pollution*

*effects*

*power stations*

*factories*

*plants*

*survive*

*to solve these problems*

### **Reading for details**

Details

Read the first passage & underline the main sentence in it.

Circle the key words (content words) in the main sentence.

Put down 4 sentences under what conditions air will be clean.

1. Air will be clean if we stop nuclear pollution.

Put down 4 sentences under what conditions air will be dirty:

1. Air will be dirty if we don't stop nuclear pollution.

Find equivalent sentences in the text & read them out:

1. The Americans wanted to take away acid rain out of the Statue.

2. The dirty air of New York made harm to the Statue.
3. Cars and buses cause air pollution in big cities.
4. Skin cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiation.
5. The ozone layer protects us from radiation.
6. Nuclear pollution comes from nuclear power stations.
7. Good filters are necessary in nuclear power stations.
8. Our health depends on clean air and clean water.
9. These problems are necessary to be solved.
10. Ecology is an important problem.

**Disagree by finding arguments in the text:**

1. There is no reason to take away the acid rain from the Statue of Liberty.
2. The Statue is not damaged.
3. Most of the pollution in big cities comes from birds.
4. More and more often people are told to spend much time in direct sunlight.
5. Normally the ozone layer in the atmosphere protects us from rains.
6. Nuclear power stations can cause skin cancer.
7. Nothing can help to make air clean again.
8. Nuclear pollution can be clearly seen.
9. Only clean water is necessary for people to be healthy.
10. The people's environment is just their own country.

**Answer some questions on the text:**

1. Why was the Statue of New York damaged?
2. Where does air pollution in the cities mostly come from?
3. Why is it not safe to be in direct sunlight in certain places?
4. Why are nuclear power stations dangerous?
5. How can nuclear pollution be seen?
6. What can be done to make air clean again?

7. Why people all over the world think and speak so much about ecology?

Ask questions to get additional information.

### Homework

1. Copy the text into your copybook.

2. Write about the causes of air pollution you know (you'll read it aloud in class then you'll hand in your paper) using the vocabulary/ Underline the vocabulary in your text:

*To come from cars and buses, To get to the earth, to have holes, To protect from, To go wrong, To have terrible effects, To need good filters, necessary for health, To survive, To speak so much about ecology*

1. Get ready for a dictation.

2. Translate the following into English:

1. Решили убрать кислотный дождь, который скопился внутри Статуи Свободы и сильно её повредил.

2. Большинство загрязнений в больших городах исходит от машин и автобусов.

3. Ультрафиолетовая радиация от солнца может вызвать рак кожи.

4. Обычно озоновый слой в атмосфере защищает нас от такой радиации.

5. Ядерные электростанции могут выйти из строя и вызвать ядерное загрязнение.

6. Это случилось в Чернобыле, в бывшем Советском Союзе.

7. Для того чтобы сделать воздух чистым снова, нам нужны хорошие фильтры на ядерных электростанциях, заводах, машинах и автобусах.

8. Как чистый воздух, так и чистая вода необходимы для нашего здоровья.

9. Если люди хотят выжить, они должны решить эти проблемы быстро.

10. Вот почему люди во всём мире думают и говорят так много об экологии.

**Imagine, that you were asked to take part in the TV show “Save Our Air”. Use these questions as a plan and get ready to speak in this TV programme.**

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