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A man and a woman talk about climate change.

Advanced English - Sound Grammar

C1 Lesson 7 Conversation 2



Part 1: Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

1	What gas do they talk about?	2	How do farmers cause damage?	3	What problem do they talk about?
a	Methane	a	Cutting down trees	a	Drought
b	Carbon dioxide	b	Using excess water	b	Deforestation

Part 2: Complete the blanks with the missing word. Use the first letter as a clue

Man: Hey, what a _____ you reading?	1	
Woman: I'm reading how cows contribute to climate c _____.	2	
Man: Cows! How d _____ they do that?	3	
Woman: B _____ releasing methane gas into the environment.	4	
Man: But, they're cows! I don't see how they can do t _____.	5	
Woman: T _____ release gas by burping. It says cows burp a lot.	6	
Man: By b _____? How strange.	7	
Woman: It also s _____ that farmers cause damage by cutting down trees t _____ make farmland.	8	
Man: Yes, I've heard a _____ that. Cutting down trees does damage by reducing h _____ much trees can absorb CO2.	9	
Woman: Yes, and deforestation i _____ also a problem by causing s _____ erosion.	10	
Man: So, w _____ can we do about it?	11	
Woman: I suppose that we could h _____ by eating less beef.	12	
Man: Yeah, or we c _____ help by buying meat from local organic farms.	13	
Woman: Sounds g _____. Time to put our best foot forward.	14	
Man: Yes, and to put our money where our mouth i _____, literally.	15	
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Answer Key

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Woman: I'm reading how cows contribute to climate change .	2	change
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Woman: By releasing methane gas into the environment.	4	By
Man: But, they're cows! I don't see how they can do that .	5	that
Woman: They release gas by burping. It says cows burp a lot.	6	They
Man: By burping ? How strange.	7	burping
Woman: It also says that farmers cause damage by cutting down trees to make farmland .	8	says
	9	to
Man: Yes, I've heard about that. Cutting down trees does damage by reducing how much trees can absorb CO2.	10	about
	11	how
Woman: Yes, and deforestation is also a problem by causing soil erosion.	12	is
	13	soil
Man: So, what can we do about it?	14	what
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