

Petrol prices

Level

Intermediate and above

Tasks

- Checking the cost of petrol and the current price trend
- Completing a table comparing petrol prices this year in three countries
- Reading an article on rising oil and petrol prices
- Identifying words in the article from their definitions
- Discussing points arising from the article

How to use the lesson

- 1 Write the words 'oil' and 'petrol' on the board and tell students that this will be the subject of the lesson. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to tell you the answer to the first question. Encourage them to use adverbs such as 'steadily' or 'dramatically'.
- 2 Ask students to study the table and complete the missing information by scanning the article.

Answers

France: January – €1.04 August – €1.21

UK: January – £0.86

USA: August – \$0.67

Teacher's note: AA stands for Automobile Association, a UK company which helps motorists with car breakdowns etc.

- 3 Ask students to read the whole article. Ask follow-up or comprehension questions such as: Why is the price of petrol increasing? With students interested in cars, explore the idea of 'greener' cars / 'gas-guzzling cars' further by eliciting more details.
- 4 Ask students to find words in the article from the definitions.

Answers
 (a) soaring (b) disruption (c) forecast (d) threats (e) consumption (f) banning
- 5 Divide the class into small groups to discuss the suggestions. Encourage groups to add more ideas. After the discussions, invite groups to report back on their preferred solutions as well as their own suggestions. Provide language feedback.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.peakoil.org/>

<http://www.theaa.com/allaboutcars/fuel/>

<http://www.total.com/>

<http://www.bp.com/>