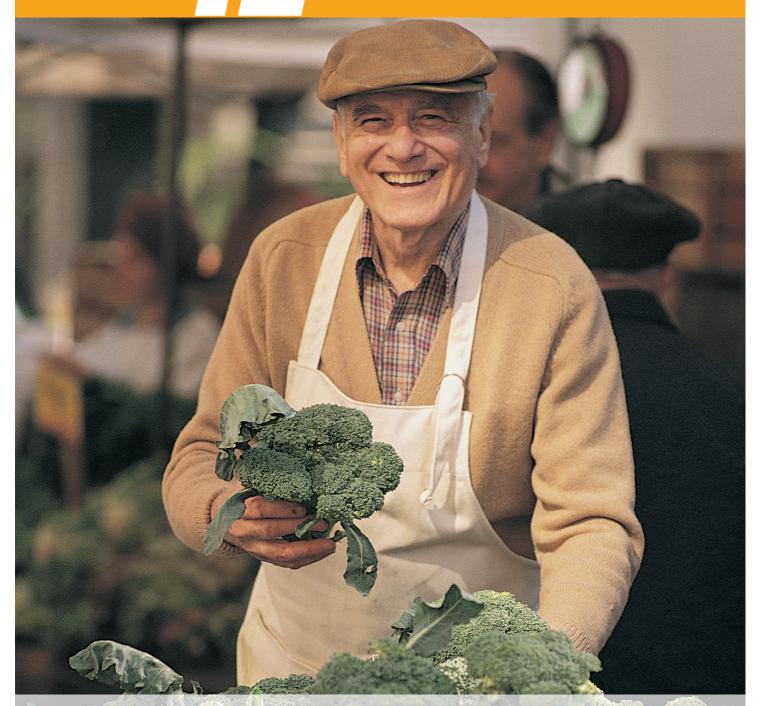
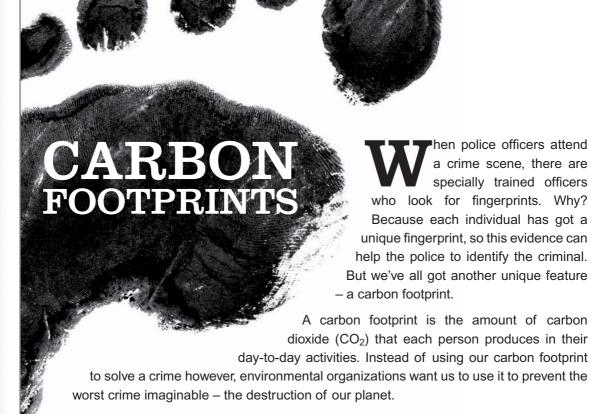
UNIT Read and Write



En esta unidad vas a:

- leer un artículo sobre las emisiones de dióxido de carbono que generamos
- aprender a escribir en inglés evitando ciertos errores frecuentes.



No one wants to destroy the planet, but there's very clear evidence that modern lifestyles are affecting the climate. Flying, driving and heating our homes produces CO_2 , which is a serious threat to the survival of the planet. Everyone has got a carbon footprint and the impact it has on the climate can increase or decrease depending on lifestyle factors. For example, people who drive to work every day will have a higher carbon footprint than people who walk. The average European citizen emits over ten metric tons of CO_2 per year, whereas the worldwide average is less than half that amount.

So what can we do about our carbon footprint? First of all, we need to find out exactly how much CO_2 we produce. Many websites allow us to calculate our carbon footprint at the touch of a button, and offer environmentally friendly suggestions for how to reduce it as much as possible. However, a zero carbon footprint is virtually impossible for most people. So what's the solution? Offset our carbon emissions and buy some carbon credits!

Carbon credits are sold by some environmental organizations and allow us to pay for trees to be planted all over the world. The idea is that the trees will consume the CO_2 produced by our modern lifestyles, and therefore offset these emissions. If we don't want to plant trees however, we can buy other credits that are used to reward companies which reduce their CO_2 emissions. This means that we can play a part in helping the planet, and companies can advertise themselves as environmentally friendly and therefore attract more business. Everyone benefits – individuals, companies and the planet!

1 Indica si las siguientes afirmaciones son verdaderas (*true*) o falsas (*false*).



- 1 The police look for footprints at crime scenes.
- 2 A carbon footprint is the amount of carbon monoxide a person's activities produce. _____
- **3** The lifestyles people lead affect their carbon footprints.
- **4** People in Europe produce less CO₂ than people in other parts of the world.
- **5** Before we address our carbon footprints, we should find out how much CO₂ we produce. _____
- 6 Most people can achieve a zero carbon footprint.
- 7 Carbon credits can be used to pay for trees to be planted. _____
- 8 Companies can benefit financially from being more environmentally friendly. _____

2 Relaciona las preguntas (1–6) con las respuestas (a–f).

- **1** Why do the police search for fingerprints?
- 2 What does the article describe as the worst crime imaginable?
- 3 What kind of activities produce CO₂?
- 4 What do some websites offer us?
- **5** Why do people buy carbon credits?
- 6 How can carbon credits be used?
- **a** To reward companies that reduce their CO₂ emissions.
- **b** To offset their carbon emissions.
- c To help them to identify criminals.
- **d** Flying and driving contribute to CO₂ emissions.
- e The destruction of planet Earth.
- f They give advice on how to decrease our carbon footprints.
 - 1 c 2 ___ 3 __ 4 __ 5 __ 6 __

Words to remember

3 Busca las palabras en el texto.



The pattern of lines on a person's finger (paragraph 1). fingerprint

- **1** Facts that make someone believe something is true (paragraph 1).
- 2 A person who lives in a particular place (paragraph 3). _____
- 3 To discover (paragraph 4).
- 4 To permit someone to do something (paragraph 4). _____
- **5** A key on a computer which you press (paragraph 4).
- **6** To decrease the amount of something (paragraph 4).

4 Completa la tabla con palabras del texto.

verb	noun
To organize (paragraph 2).	organization
To destroy (paragraph 2).	
To threaten (paragraph 3).	
To survive (paragraph 3).	
To suggest (paragraph 4).	
To solve (paragraph 4).	
To emit (paragraph 4).	

UNIT 12 Writing

Common mistakes

Palabras que se suelen escribir de forma incorrecta

En inglés, hay palabras que tienen consonantes dobles.

We've also got a secondary carbon footprint from our shopping habits.

También hay una segunda fuente de emisiones de dióxido de carbono, que es la de nuestros hábitos de compra.

accommodationaddresscoffeecolleaguedifferentnecessaryrecommendshoppingalojamientodireccióncafécompañero/adiferentenecesario/arecomendarcompra

False friends

Hay palabras inglesas que se parecen a palabras españolas pero cuyo significado es distinto. Estas palabras se denominan *false friends* (falsos amigos).

Companies can advertise themselves as environmentally friendly.

Las empresas pueden anunciarse como respetuosas con el medio ambiente.

When police officers attend a crime scene, there are specially trained officers who look for fingerprints.

Cuando la policía se presenta en el lugar del delito, hay agentes especializados que buscan huellas dactilares.

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1 Elige la palabra correcta.



- 1 What type of mountain bike would you **recommend** / **recomend**?
- 2 This is my coleague / colleague, Michelle Young.
- 3 He looks very different / diferent without his glasses.
- 4 Would you like a cup of coffee / cofee?
- 5 Please complete the form with your name and adress / address.
- 6 I don't like going **shoping** / **shopping** on Saturdays but I'm too busy during the week.
- 7 You should only fly when it's absolutely necessary / necesary.
- **8** Have you booked any **accommodation** / **accomodation** for the conference?

2 Completa los párrafos con las palabras del recuadro.



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Climate change is always in the news, but some of my
friends aren't really interested in the 1 They
think that all this concern about environmental issues
is excessive and that 2, the media will find
something else for us to worry about. One of them even
says that environmentally friendly companies that
3 their products and services as 'green' are
only 4 interested in making money. He says
they 5 to be different but really they're the
same as any other company.
I'm not sure about that, but I think we could all do
more to make slowing down climate change a
6 For example, I don't understand why
some environmentalists fly halfway across the world to
7 conferences about climate change. It
doesn't seem very 8 to me as it increases
their carbon footprint. Couldn't they communicate over
the Internet instead? We've all got a part to play in trying
to protect the future of the planet.