

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210615-g7-summit.html>

The Group of Seven Leaders' Summit has concluded with promises to build back a better world. The leaders even coined a phrase and an abbreviation for their shared vision. It is called the Build Back Better World plan, shortened to B3W. A fundamental feature of this plan, that has been signed by all G7 leaders, is to embark on a series of global economic initiatives. A White House statement said: "Through B3W, the G7 and other like-minded partners will coordinate in mobilizing private-sector capital in four areas of focus - climate, health and health security, digital technology, and gender equity and equality." It will help fund infrastructure projects and improve trade routes between East Asia and Europe.

The White House also announced plans for other continents. It said: "B3W will be global in scope, from Latin America and the Caribbean to Africa to the Indo-Pacific. Different G7 partners will have different geographic orientations, but the sum of the initiative will cover low- and middle-income countries across the world." Another promise to come from the Summit was to vaccinate a billion people in poorer countries. UK leader Boris Johnson said this was "a big step towards vaccinating the world". Other pledges included improving early warning systems to prepare for future health crises, supporting a green revolution that cuts CO2 emissions, and getting 40 million more girls into education by 2026.

Sources: <https://newseu.cgtn.com/news/2021-06-13/G7-launches-B3W-plan-aiming-to-rival-China-s-Belt-and-Road-Initiative-112QmvFQoKI/index.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. summit | a. Forming a necessary base or core; of central importance. |
| 2. concluded | b. Invented a new word or phrase. |
| 3. coined | c. Came to an end. |
| 4. abbreviation | d. The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for a country or business. |
| 5. fundamental | e. A meeting between heads of government. |
| 6. embark | f. A shortened form of a word or phrase. |
| 7. infrastructure | g. Begin a course of action, especially one that is important or demanding. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. continent | h. The total amount of something that exists. |
| 9. scope | i. A big promise. |
| 10. orientation | j. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation. |
| 11. sum | k. The extent of the area or subject matter that something deals with or to which it is relevant. |
| 12. initiative | l. The production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation. |
| 13. pledge | m. Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America). |
| 14. emissions | n. The relative physical position or direction of something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210615-g7-summit.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A new phrase emerged from the G7 Summit to describe its new plan. **T / F**
2. One of the seven G7 leaders is yet to sign the B3W plan. **T / F**
3. The leaders want to utilise public-sector capital in its plan. **T / F**
4. The White House said the plan would promote gender security. **T / F**
5. The White House announced plans for the Caribbean and Africa. **T / F**
6. The initiatives will help low- and middle-income countries. **T / F**
7. The G7 promised to vaccinate a billion people. **T / F**
8. The G7 said it would educate 40 million more girls by 2026. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. concluded | a. invented |
| 2. coined | b. development |
| 3. shortened | c. generating |
| 4. mobilizing | d. made public |
| 5. improve | e. schooling |
| 6. announced | f. total |
| 7. sum | g. abbreviated |
| 8. step | h. get ready |
| 9. prepare | i. ended |
| 10. education | j. upgrade |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. coined a phrase and | a. in scope |
| 2. A fundamental feature | b. minded partners |
| 3. other like- | c. routes |
| 4. It will help fund infrastructure | d. cuts CO2 emissions |
| 5. improve trade | e. girls into education |
| 6. B3W will be global | f. an abbreviation |
| 7. a big step towards | g. systems |
| 8. improving early warning | h. projects |
| 9. supporting a green revolution that | i. vaccinating the world |
| 10. getting 40 million more | j. of this plan |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210615-g7-summit.html>

1. What is the abbreviation coined at the G7 Summit?
2. How many of the G7 leaders signed up to a plan?
3. What kind of capital does the G7 hope to utilise?
4. How many areas of focus did the G7 leaders decide on?
5. What does the article say will improve between East Asia and Europe?
6. What did the White House say was global in scope?
7. What countries will the initiatives cover?
8. How many people does the G7 want to vaccinate?
9. What kind of revolution was promised by the G7 leaders?
10. How many more girls does the G7 want to be in education?

A BETTER WORLD DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'leader'?
3. What do you know about the G7 Summit?
4. Should Russia, India and China be at the G7 Summit?
5. Should the leaders have worn masks?
6. What do you think of a 'Build Back Better World' plan?
7. Do summits like these ever achieve anything?
8. What needs doing to build a better world?
9. What do you think China and India think of the G7 Summit?
10. Who is your favorite world leader, and why?

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A BETTER WORLD DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'promise'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How could the G7 countries help Latin America?
15. How could the G7 countries help Africa?
16. Where will we be with the pandemic in a year from now?
17. What future health crises might appear in the future?
18. What needs to happen in a 'green revolution'?
19. How would the world change if more girls were educated?
20. What questions would you like to ask the G7 leaders?