**Fracking: reading comprehension key**

1. **True or false. Correct the wrong sentences in your own words and give the lines.**

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|  | **true** | **false** |
| 1. Jill Wiener is running for office because she has always wanted to be in politics.
 |  | She only runs for office because she is upset about the plans to introduce fracking. (ll.11-12) |
| 1. She moved to Catskill to achieve this aim.
 |  | She only wanted to work there as an artist. (ll.15-16) |
| 1. Fracking has become an important source of energy in the US.
 | (l.17) |  |
| 1. It is a safe and clean fuel.
 |  | It is the industry that claims it is harmless. (ll.17-18) |
| 1. New technologies have helped companies to increase the production of natural gas.
 | (l.20) |  |
| 1. Fracking requires the injection of large amounts of sand and water into the rock.
 |  | Chemicals and high pressure are also needed. (ll.21-23) |
| 1. People who oppose the method worry about the poisoning of drinking water.
 | (l.24) |  |

1. **Multiple choice: Tick the correct box and give the lines.**

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| 1. As fracking increases
 | □ energy will become cheaper. |
| **☑** renewables may lose out. (ll.26-27) |
| □ more people will die from contaminated water. |
| 1. Opposition groups have been founded because
 | □ too much water is used in the process of fracking. |
| □ the industry has acknowledged contamination. |
| **☑** people are afraid of the impact on their health. (ll.29-31) |
| 1. According to Wiener, proponents of fracking
 | **☑** take a prominent stance. (ll.34-35) |
| □ know little about the dangerous consequences. |
| □ are in the majority. |
| 1. Many people are for drilling because they
 | **☑** hope for jobs and tax revenues.(l.37) |
| □ are not afraid of environmental damages. |
| □ are not affected. |

1. **Finish the sentences in your own words and give the lines.**

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| 1. Wiener can understand landowners and dairy farmers because
 | they are promised an additional income without any work. (ll.44) |
| 1. Fracking is a social issue because
 | neighbors and families are divided about it. (ll.46-47) |
| 1. Although the new technology might bring economic advantages
 | There can also be drawbacks when ecological disasters strike. (ll.50-51) |
| 1. Industry promotes the view
 | that nature is resilient and will recover. (ll.52-53) |