

Fracking: reading comprehension key

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

	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. (II.11-12)
2. She moved to Catskill to achieve this aim.		She only wanted to work there as an artist. (II.15-16)
3. Fracking has become an important source of energy in the US.	(I.17)	
4. It is a safe and clean fuel.		It is the industry that claims it is harmless. (II.17-18)
5. New technologies have helped companies to increase the production of natural gas.	(I.20)	
6. Fracking requires the injection of large amounts of sand and water into the rock.		Chemicals and high pressure are also needed. (II.21-23)
7. People who oppose the method worry about the poisoning of drinking water.	(I.24)	

II. Multiple choice: Tick the correct box and give the lines.

8. As fracking increases	<input type="checkbox"/> energy will become cheaper.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> renewables may lose out. (II.26-27)
	<input type="checkbox"/> more people will die from contaminated water.
9. Opposition groups have been founded because	<input type="checkbox"/> too much water is used in the process of fracking.
	<input type="checkbox"/> the industry has acknowledged contamination.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> people are afraid of the impact on their health. (II.29-31)
10. According to Wiener, proponents of fracking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> take a prominent stance. (II.34-35)
	<input type="checkbox"/> know little about the dangerous consequences.
	<input type="checkbox"/> are in the majority.
11. Many people are for drilling because they	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hope for jobs and tax revenues.(I.37)
	<input type="checkbox"/> are not afraid of environmental damages.
	<input type="checkbox"/> are not affected.

III. Finish the sentences in your own words and give the lines.

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