

## UNIT 2 > Business sectors

### Lesson 2.2 The energy industry

**Reading A** Look at the words and phrases in bold from the article on page 20 of the coursebook. Match them with the correct synonym or definition (a–j).

- 1 He went solar to provide **backup** power in a blackout.
- 2 Helping the environment was an extra **benefit**.
- 3 ... making the biggest **investment** in renewable energy
- 4 The move was one answer to the growing **threat** ...
- 5 ... a **long-term** transition away from fossil fuels
- 6 Total is facing a **critical choice**.
- 7 ... **diversify** into wind and solar power
- 8 ... they **stick to** oil and gas
- 9 Their decisions will **shape** the future of the industry
- 10 energy **supplies**
  - a an advantage
  - b something you can use to replace something that does not work or is lost
  - c possible danger
  - d things necessary for daily life or for a particular purpose
  - e continue doing one thing and not change
  - f influence something and make it develop in a particular way
  - g money that is used to get a profit or to make a business activity successful
  - h start to make new products or offer new services
  - i important decision
  - j relating to what will happen in the distant future

**Grammar B** Look at the verbs in bold. Are they in the correct tense (Past Simple or Past Continuous)? Correct any incorrect verb forms.

- 1 Silvia **arrived** while they **had** dinner.
- 2 It **was raining** so we **were taking** a taxi back to the hotel.
- 3 I **had** a job interview when my mobile phone **was ringing**. It was a bit embarrassing!
- 4 He **was living** with his parents when he **was making** his first million.
- 5 **A:** What **were you doing** at ten o'clock?  
**B:** We **were negotiating** a new contract with the suppliers.
- 6 They **were having** coffee first and then they **started** the meeting.
- 7 He **was breaking** his leg when he **fell down** the stairs.
- 8 She **was meeting** her business partner while she **was working** as an intern.