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联合国秘书长安东尼奥·古特雷斯将一份有关气候变化的重要新报告称为“人类生存指南”。

There is some good news in today's report. The scientists point out that the costs of many key, low-carbon technologies: solar power, wind turbines, and batteries have fallen **dramatically** in just the last decade.

今日发布的这份报告中有一些好消息：科学家们在报告中指出，太阳能、风力发电机和电池等许多关键低碳技术的成本在过去十年中大幅下降。

And they say, we can all take action on climate: eating a bit less meat, and walking and cycling a bit more will cut our **emissions** and make us healthier, they say.

科学家们表示，我们每个人都可以采取行动帮助应对气候问题。比如，少吃一点肉、多走路、骑自行车可以减少温室气体排放，同时也有益健康。

But for many observers, the really worrying aspect of today's report is the **reliance** it places on new technologies to **suck** carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The scientists say these will be needed to keep temperatures down in **virtually** all the **scenarios** they looked at.

但对许多观察家来说，这份报告中提出的一个应对气候变化的方法着实令人担忧，即依赖新技术吸除大气中的二氧化碳。科学家们表示，在他们研究的、几乎所有可能发生的情况下，都需要这些新技术来控制气温的升幅。

The problem is these technologies are at a very early stage of development and are still very expensive. Given the urgency of the challenge the report says we face, that is not encouraging.

问题是这些技术还处于开发的早期阶段，依然非常昂贵。鉴于报告中提到我们所面临的气候挑战迫在眉睫，新技术依然昂贵的现状并不容乐观。

1. 词汇表

dramatically	明显地，夸张地
emissions	排放
reliance	依赖
suck	抽，吸
virtually	几乎
scenarios	局面，可能发生的情况

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. Which key, low-carbon technologies have dropped dramatically in cost over the last decade?

2. What examples of action people can take to help the climate are mentioned in the report?

3. What new technologies are needed to keep temperatures down?

4. What is the problem with these new carbon dioxide sucking technologies?

3. 答案

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The report says we can all eat a bit less meat, and walk and cycle a bit more.

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