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**Today's Headlines:**

**A new solar superpower**

**A first for South Africa's navy**

**Historic hospital demolished**

**Transcript:**

The World Bank has confirmed that Morocco is about to become a solar superpower by opening the world's biggest solar **plant**. The plant on the edge of the Sahara will create electricity for a million homes using these giant mirrors to capture energy from the sun and to generate steam. But the really clever thing about this particular plant is that it can store energy to generate solar power even while it's dark.

Now let's take you to South Africa, and Zimasa Mabela has been on her first patrol after she became the first African woman to command a navy vessel. She **broke new ground** when she took charge of a de-mining ship based in Cape Town last month. The 38-year-old mum of two says she wants to be judged on her ability to command and not her gender.

And finally to Dallas, Texas, and a building which was a piece of the city's history... This, the first hospital in Dallas to perform a successful heart transplant. That was 1985. It didn't take long for that demolition to bring the building down. Apparently it would have been just too expensive **to renovate** it.

**Words and phrases and definitions:**

**plant**

(here) type of factory which generates electricity

**broke new ground**

did something nobody has ever done before

**to renovate**

to improve its condition

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**Exercise:**

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

**plant / broke new ground / to renovate**

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