

## 0. Pre-listening activity: match the words with their definitions

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| 1. statute     | a. A written law passed by a legislative body.                                                                  |
| 2. drafting    | b. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something.   |
| 3. regulation  | c. Preparing a preliminary version of a text, report, law, etc.                                                 |
| 4. destruction | d. About a law, rule, or obligation being able to be imposed so that it must be complied with.                  |
| 5. enforceable | e. A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority.                                                     |
| 6. initiative  | f. The action or process of causing so much damage to something that it no longer exists or cannot be repaired. |
| 7. voiced      | g. Expressed an attitude or opinion.                                                                            |
| 8. harness     | h. Relating to, done by, or affecting large numbers of people or things.                                        |
| 9. accountable | i. The full range of different levels of people or things, from the lowest to the highest.                      |
| 10. corporate  | j. Control and make use of natural resources, especially to produce energy.                                     |
| 11. scale      | k. An act of fishing in a boat with a very large net.                                                           |
| 12. mass       | l. Of a person, organization, or institution required or expected to justify actions or decisions; responsible. |
| 13. trawling   | m. Instances of liquids (e.g. oil) coming out of something and going into a river, sea or other place.          |
| 14. spills     | n. Relating to a corporation, especially a large company or group.                                              |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A new law on the environment has been passed into the statute books. **T / F**
- b. Lawyers want ecocide to be a crime like genocide. **T / F**
- c. The ecocide initiative is being led by a group of environmentalists. **T / F**
- d. Vanuatu and the Maldives backed the new ecocide law. **T / F**
- e. A professor said now was not the time to incorporate ecocide into law. **T / F**
- f. The professor wants to hold governments accountable for ecocide. **T / F**
- g. An ecocide foundation said most ecocide is caused by corporations. **T / F**
- h. The foundation highlighted oil spills and deep-sea trawling. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article you are going to hear.

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| 1. <b>statute</b>     | a. proposal    |
| 2. <b>globe</b>       | b. won over    |
| 3. <b>initiative</b>  | c. responsible |
| 4. <b>attracted</b>   | d. law         |
| 5. <b>voiced</b>      | e. devastation |
| 6. <b>harness</b>     | f. extent      |
| 7. <b>accountable</b> | g. expressed   |
| 8. <b>outlined</b>    | h. exploit     |
| 9. <b>destruction</b> | i. defined     |
| 10. <b>scale</b>      | j. planet      |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There could be a new law on the international    | a. a huge scale         |
| 2. Lawyers across the globe are                     | b. enforceable crime    |
| 3. Ecocide is the destruction of the                | c. accountable          |
| 4. Lawyers want to make it a legally                | d. world's ecosystems   |
| 5. Island nations at risk from                      | e. the power            |
| 6. The time is right to harness                     | f. destruction          |
| 7. hold governments and multi-national corporations | g. statute books        |
| 8. In most cases ecocide is likely to be a          | h. rising sea levels    |
| 9. mass, systematic or widespread                   | i. corporate crime      |
| 10. Amazon deforestation on                         | j. drafting regulations |

**LISTEN:**

## 4 GAP FILL

There could be a new law on the international  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ books. Lawyers across the globe are  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ regulations to make ecocide a crime.  
Ecocide is the destruction of the world's ecosystems. Lawyers  
want to make it a legally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ crime, much like  
crimes against humanity, war crimes and (4) \_\_\_\_\_.  
The initiative is being led by a professor from University College  
London (UCL) and a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ judge at the  
International Criminal Court. It has attracted support from  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ European countries, notably France and  
Belgium. Island nations at (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from rising sea  
levels, such as Vanuatu and the Maldives, have  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_ their support. A politician in the UK has  
called for ecocide to be incorporated into law.

*enforceable*

*former*

*risk*

*statute*

*drafting*

*voiced*

*genocide*

*several*

Professor Philippe Sands of UCL spoke about why there is a need  
for ecocide to be made (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "The time  
is right to harness the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of international  
criminal law to protect our global environment." He wants the law  
to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ governments and multi-national  
corporations (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for the environmental  
damage they cause. The Stop Ecocide Foundation said: "In most  
cases ecocide is likely to be a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ crime." It  
outlined the scale of destruction that would  
(14) \_\_\_\_\_ an ecocide law being used. It said: "It  
would have to involve (15) \_\_\_\_\_, systematic or  
widespread destruction. We are probably talking about Amazon  
deforestation on a huge scale, deep sea-bottom  
(16) \_\_\_\_\_ or oil spills."

*hold*

*corporate*

*mass*

*power*

*trawling*

*accountable*

*illegal*

*require*

## 5. Choose the right word and put in the right preposition.

There could be a new *law / legal* the international statute books. Lawyers across the globe are *draughty / drafting* regulations to make ecocide a crime. Ecocide is the destruction the world's ecosystems. Lawyers want to make it a *legally / legalised* enforceable crime, much like crimes humanity, war crimes and *genocidal / genocide*. The initiative is being *led / bled* a professor University College London (UCL) and a *former / firmer* judge the International Criminal Court. It has *detracted / attracted* support several European countries, *notably / regrettably* France and Belgium. Island nations *to / at* risk rising sea levels, such as Vanuatu and the Maldives, have voiced their support. A politician in the UK has called ecocide to be incorporated *into / onto* law.

Professor Philippe Sands of UCL spoke *what / why* there is a need ecocide to be *made / done* illegal. He said: "The time is *rightly / right* to harness the power international criminal law *for / to* protect our global environment." He wants the law to *hold / grasp* governments and multinational corporations accountable the environmental damage they *clause / cause*. The Stop Ecocide Foundation said: "In most cases ecocide is likely to be a corporate crime." It *inlined / outlined* the scale destruction that would require an ecocide law being *uses / used*. It said: "It would have to involve *mass / massed*, systematic or widespread destruction. We are probably talking about Amazon deforestation a huge scale, deep sea-bottom trawling or oil *spill / spills*."

## ACADEMIC WRITING

Write the answer to the following prompt (between 200-225 words)

Ecocide should be made a crime and be subject to severe punishments.

Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

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**There is NO auto-check for Writing Task. Results in person on submission.**

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS :)**

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