

A Choose A, B or C to complete the gaps.

The combination of the pollution of the atmosphere by industrial emissions and the greenhouse effect is bringing about noticeable changes in the earth's (1) _____.

In spring, for example, when one would expect the weather to be (2) _____, there is frost on the (3) _____, or it snows at the beginning of May, which happened a few years ago.

Sometimes, long rainy spells are followed by unbearable (4) _____ which cause serious (5) _____. This often results in major crop failures. In many places, summers are cold and rainy, and the danger of (6) _____ is always present.

There are also winters, like the last one, when the temperature hardly ever (7) _____ below zero, and many plants are already (8) _____ in the middle of January. Unusual as it seems, it's true!

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| 1. A. climate | B. soil | C. nature |
| 2. A. freezing | B. warm | C. hot |
| 3. A. dirt | B. atmosphere | C. ground |
| 4. A. waves | B. hot | C. heatwaves |
| 5. A. dryness | B. droughts | C. showers |
| 6. A. hurricane | B. hail | C. flooding |
| 7. A. drops | B. drips | C. rises |
| 8. A. in bloom | B. blossom | C. planted |



B Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

damage biodegradable disaster stung rise endangered aware
protect extinct dangerous

1. After a week of heavy rains and cold weather, there will be a _____ in temperature next week.
2. We can all _____ the environment by using _____ packaging.
3. If the pace of environmental destruction does not slow down, some animal species will become _____.
4. Many birds and sea animals died in an environmental _____ caused by a huge oil spill.
5. People worldwide are gradually becoming more _____ of ecological problems.
6. Certain animals, such as seals or sea turtles, are considered to be _____ species and may soon die out.
7. The development of various industries is causing more and more _____ to the environment.
8. Being _____ by a wasp can be very painful.