

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY UNIT 5

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words. First letters are given. (___ / 12)

- 1 The River Nith b..... its b..... last night after two days of heavy rain. Many homes in the area have been f.....
- 2 In 2011, a terrible natural disaster s..... Japan when the country suffered an e..... and a huge t.....
- 3 Mount Etna is an active v..... on the east coast of Sicily. It e..... almost continuously.
- 4 The River Ebro f..... for 910 km to its delta on the Mediterranean c.....
- 5 The hotel's main dining room o..... the beautiful b..... below, where you can watch the fishing boats come in while you eat.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct noun or verb form of the words in the box. (___ / 12)

destroy	evacuate	govern	locate	produce	reduce
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- 1 The has agreed to a 40% of greenhouse emissions by 2030.
- 2 GPS is a satellite-based navigation system which allows you to find your exact on a map.
- 3 The Labour Party the UK from 1997 to 2010.
- 4 In 1906, the city of San Francisco was by a huge earthquake.
- 5 Hundreds of residents were from their homes last Saturday.
- 6 OPEC (Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) has decided not to the of oil.
- 7 The police ordered the of the area because of the severe flooding.
- 8 We can't the entrance to the building. Can you help us find it?
- 9 Last October, the USA more oil than it imported for the first time in 20 years.
- 10 In 2005, the state of Louisiana was struck by a massive hurricane. The that it caused was catastrophic.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronoun. (___ / 5)

- 1 Zack Firth is the filmmaker made that documentary about the Amazon.
- 2 She's the local resident great-grandfather was a tribal chief. That's the reason she is keen to learn more about Native Americans.
- 3 The Devil's Mouth is the two rivers meet. It's a beautiful spot.
- 4 Indonesia is the country has the most volcanoes.

4 Use the information in brackets to add a non-defining clause to each sentence. (___ / 6)

- 1 Next month I'm going to Tokyo with Jenny. (Her father is Japanese.)
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- 2 Ann and Phil are starting a new environmental project in Africa. (They have worked together for ten years.)
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- 3 This TV series tells a story of a group of people living on a desert island. (They have a lot of adventures there.)
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- 4 Central Park is the favourite place of many people. (It is in the middle of Manhattan).
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- 5 This documentary about polar bears has won many awards. (It was on Channel 1 last night.)
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- 6 Experts have decided that it's safe to build a dam on the river. (Their identities haven't been revealed.)
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Reading

Missing Sun

- Pollution in many of the world's cities is becoming a major health problem. One of the worst affected is Beijing, the capital of China. Air quality was dangerously low on 58 days last year. Winter months are especially severe. This is the time of year when more coal is burned to heat people's homes. There is also less wind to blow the smog away. At this time of year, pollution levels are sometimes 20 times higher than the WHO (World Health Organisation) considers safe. This causes illnesses and on the worst days old people and children are advised to stay indoors. Visibility is sometimes so bad that motorways have to close because of the danger of accidents.
- In early 2014, some newspapers and websites showed a frightening vision of the future. On a smoggy morning, residents of Beijing watched the sunrise. However, as the real one was hidden, they had to do this on giant TV screens. The smog was so thick that the real sunrise was completely invisible. While the smog and the masks the people were wearing were real, the films of the sunrise were nothing unusual. The screens show adverts all the time. The one that the people were watching that morning was for a holiday company. The same advert is shown quite often, whatever the weather. Either the photographer was lucky or he knew exactly how the image would look and waited until he got the photo he wanted. Although the news reporting was inaccurate, it might have done something to raise awareness of how bad the problem has become. Politicians, too, have finally decided that something must be done to cut pollution levels.
- The first idea is to reduce the amount of coal that people use. Factories will also be relocated to areas further away from cities. Another target is older, more polluting cars. The worst offenders will be banned. In their place, greener and cleaner forms of transport will be encouraged.
- Will these changes help? The Chinese know from experience that it is possible to improve air quality very quickly if necessary. Before the 2008 Olympic Games, pollution in Beijing was reduced greatly. As well as reducing traffic levels and closing factories, other methods to reduce pollution were used. These included pouring water onto roads to reduce the amount of dust flying in the air. To help with this, scientists were even able to make clouds drop more rain. Since then, things have got worse rather than better but, at last, the government seems to be determined to do something about the problem. For the people of Beijing and other large cities this will make a huge difference to their lives.

1 Say whether these statements are true or false. Quote from the text to justify your answer. (__ / 5)

1 Beijing is the most polluted city in the world.

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2 Beijing's average pollution levels are 20 times higher than what WHO thinks safe.

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3 The holiday company shows its advert whenever the smog hides the real sunset.

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4 The holiday company's inaccurate advert may be the reason why politicians decided to act.

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5 The writer ends on an optimistic note.

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2 Find words or phrases in the text that mean the opposite of: (__ / 6)

1 minor (paragraph 1)

2 to lower (paragraph 2).....

3 ignorance (paragraph 2).....

4 increase (paragraph 3).....

5 allowed (paragraph 3)

6 lift (paragraph 4)

3 Answer the questions in your own words. (__ / 4)

1 Why is winter a bad time for air quality in Beijing?

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2 What consequences of air pollution are mentioned in paragraph 1?

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3 What measures are politicians taking to reduce air pollution?

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4 How did Beijing manage to improve its air quality for the 2008 Olympics?

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