

Vocabulary: describing change

Activity A

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Change the form if necessary.

decline lose revive disappear preserve increase deteriorate

- 1 Sadly, the _____ in the weather meant that the match had to be stopped.
- 2 Fortunately, we've seen an _____ in internet speeds since the spring.
- 3 I think we've _____ respect for older people in society.
- 4 The organisation is devoted to the _____ of historic churches.
- 5 The _____ of various species has been a disaster.
- 6 The _____ in the manufacturing sector is very worrying for the government.
- 7 We are hoping for a _____ in the fortunes of the company.

Activity B

Underline the words or phrases that can be used in each sentence. In some cases, all of them are correct.

- 1 *The price of food / The rate of inflation / The weather* has increased a lot recently.
- 2 We need to preserve *these traditions / the climate / old buildings*.
- 3 Some *illnesses / animals / companies* have disappeared altogether.
- 4 *The number of staff / The economy / His health* has declined.
- 5 *My cold / Their traditional way of life / This particular species* is dying out.
- 6 We are trying to revive *certain customs / the company / some of the furniture*.
- 7 *The temperature / Crime / The town* has decreased.
- 8 *Her health / The weather / Their relationship* has deteriorated.

Activity C

Work in groups and write down your answers below. Then compare ideas with a different group.

Think of something that:

- has increased in your lifetime. _____
- has declined in your lifetime. _____
- has deteriorated in your lifetime. _____
- you think is important to preserve. _____
- is disappearing but you would like to save. _____

