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| <b>noun</b> | defense  | The shade from trees provides a defense against the drying effects of the sun.                 |
| <b>noun</b> | defender | Defenders of the environment work to protect plants and animals from damage caused by logging. |
| <b>verb</b> | defend   | Fish cannot defend themselves from the effects of water pollution.                             |

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| <b>noun</b>      | environment     | The environment needs to be protected from the effects of logging.         |
| <b>adjective</b> | environmental   | Logging causes a great deal of environmental damage.                       |
| <b>adverb</b>    | environmentally | It is important to develop more environmentally friendly logging practices |

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| <b>noun</b> | erosion | Soil erosion leads to the pollution of streams and rivers.         |
| <b>verb</b> | erode   | When soil erodes, there are no nutrients left to help plants grow. |

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| <b>noun</b>      | extent      | The extent of environmental damage caused by logging is frightening.   |
| <b>verb</b>      | extend      | The Amazon rain forest extends from Brazil into neighboring countries. |
| <b>adjective</b> | extensive   | The Amazon rain forest is the most extensive rain forest in the world. |
| <b>adverb</b>    | extensively | Rain forests around the world have been extensively logged.            |

## ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE IELTS

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| <b>noun</b> | <b>pollution</b> | Deforestation contributes to the effects of both air and water pollution. |
| <b>noun</b> | <b>pollutant</b> | Factories add pollutants to the air and water.                            |
| <b>verb</b> | <b>pollute</b>   | Eroding soil pollutes water.                                              |

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| <b>noun</b>      | <b>stability</b> | The stability of the natural environment depends on the interaction of many factors. |
| <b>verb</b>      | <b>stabilize</b> | We need to stabilize the damage caused by logging before it gets worse.              |
| <b>adjective</b> | <b>stable</b>    | If the banks of the river continue to erode, they will no longer be stable.          |

## Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

Modern industry has caused damage to our natural **1**..... in many ways. The air and water are filled with **2**..... . One result of this is acid rain, which has caused **3**..... damage to vegetation in many areas. When large amounts of vegetation die off, the environment loses **4**..... . If there are no plants to hold the soil, it starts to **5**..... . This leads to myriad problems, including water pollution and habitat loss. **6**..... of wildlife work hard to prevent further damage to natural areas.

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| 1. environment | environmental | environmentally |
| 2. pollution   | pollutants    | pollutes        |
| 3. extent      | extend        | extensive       |
| 4. stability   | stabilizes    | stable          |
| 5. erosion     | erode         | eroded          |
| 6. Defenses    | Defenders     | Defends         |