Vocabulary 2 environment verbs; prepositions (1)

1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 We *reached / collected* the station ten minutes before the train left.
2 There was a terrible storm and it *destroyed / prevented* a lot of houses.
3 The doctor's quick action *set up / prevented* a disaster.
4 There was an accident, but everybody *destroyed / survived*.
5 We *set up / reached* an online group to discuss environmental problems.
6 My favourite mug fell on the floor and it *destroyed / broke* into lots of pieces.
7 There was a parcel for me at the post office, so I went to *reach / collect* it.
8 We were able to *prevent / remove* a lot of rubbish from our local river.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

After finding out about people who have changed the world during a lesson at school one day, two teenage sisters from Bali decided to make a difference. Melati and Isabel Wijsen [1] _____ the Bye Bye Plastic Bags group. A lot of single-use plastic bags pollute the sea around Bali. Fish eat these plastic bags. When the bags [2] _____ their stomachs, the fish become ill. Many do not [3] _____. The bags also [4] _____ into little pieces in the water and cause serious problems for other marine life which think they are food and try to eat them.

The sisters have created several recycling projects to [5] _____ as many plastic bags as possible before they end up in the sea. They go to local towns and schools and teach people that plastic bags can [6] _____ the local marine life that many people depend on. They give people non-plastic bags to use and also show them simple ways to [7] _____ plastic bags from ending up in the water in their local rivers. They also teach them how to [8] _____ bags that are already in the water.

3 Complete the sentences with these prepositions.

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1 We use many types of renewable energy, _____ wind power to solar energy.
2 There are very few recycling places _____ our town.
3 They turned the old power station _____ a modern recycling centre.
4 We've been going _____ the same summer concert for more than ten years.
5 We've been waiting for you for _____ twenty minutes.
6 We're studying wind power at school _____ present.
7 Make sure that none of that paint gets _____ your clothes.
8 Not many people drove electric cars _____ 2015.

4 Use the prepositions from Exercise 3 to complete the text.

When you can't recycle all the waste which comes [1] _____ a big city, it's often taken away and burned [2] _____ another place, usually the countryside. This creates a lot of dangerous smoke and pollution in the air. But the Amager Bakke power station in Copenhagen, Denmark does things a little differently. Three hundred lorries full of the city's waste arrive [3] _____ its very modern building every day. This waste is burned, but here they immediately turn the heat [4] _____ energy for local homes. But the power station is probably more famous for the outdoor skiing centre that was added [5] _____ the roof. Some local people like it because they can go up [6] _____ the top of the building after work and ski for an hour [7] _____ dinner. It has been open for [8] _____ three years now. It's not popular with everyone, but it's certainly original.

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