

### VOCABULARY

Talking about the environment | Compound nouns: the environment | Protecting and damaging the environment | Environmental issues | Elections and campaigns

### GRAMMAR

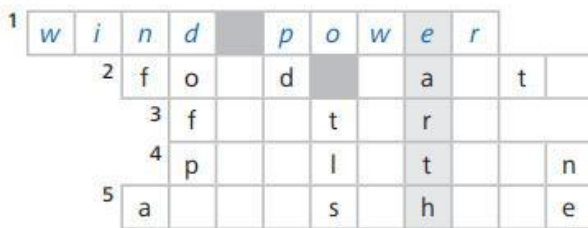
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## Vocabulary

### Protecting the environment

- 1 ● Read the sentences and write the missing environment words in the crossword.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a great solution for countries surrounded by the sea.
- Did you know you can recycle \_\_\_\_\_ to grow plants?
- That's the \_\_\_\_\_ where they make cars.
- The government needs to do more to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.
- Global warming is caused by too much carbon in the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.



- 2 ●● Choose the correct option.

- We need more trees on the planet because they produce oxygen / pollution.
- Solar / Wind power isn't really possible in this part of the country because it's so dark all the time.
- The company closed the *factory* / *atmosphere* after complaints about pollution from local residents.
- It's becoming more and more difficult to find new sources of *petrol* / *oil* in the world.
- Does your car run on *oil* / *petrol* or gas?
- The forest fire was in an area with lots of *endangered* / *wind* animals.

- 3 ● **WORD FRIENDS** Match verbs 1–5 with their opposites a–e.

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---|------------|
| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d | recycle/reuse | a | clean up   |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/>              | protect       | b | waste      |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/>              | pollute       | c | damage     |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/>              | save          | d | throw away |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/>              | reduce        | e | increase   |

- 4 ● Match the sentence halves.

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b | We need to reduce the amount of carbon                      |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/>              | Because of global                                           |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/>              | We need to use more types of renewable                      |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/>              | It's incredible that some people don't believe that climate |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/>              | We take our bottles and cans to a recycling                 |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/>              | Driving an electric                                         |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/>              | What are the main energy                                    |
- a change is real.  
b ~~dioxide in the atmosphere~~.  
c sources used to generate electricity in this country?  
d car is a good way to reduce pollution.  
e warming, many parts of the world are seeing water shortages.  
f energy, such as wind and solar power.  
g centre next to the supermarket.



**5** ●●● Complete the sentences with the words below.

change dioxide endangered factories oil  
oxygen pollution recycling **solar** source

1 Getting energy from the sun as **solar** power is a great way to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Using \_\_\_\_\_ as an energy source is one of the biggest causes of climate \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Trees take in carbon \_\_\_\_\_ and release \_\_\_\_\_ into the atmosphere.

4 Our city needs more \_\_\_\_\_ centres. In fact, a lot of things that people throw away could be used as an energy \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Water and land pollution from the \_\_\_\_\_ in the area affects \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

**6** ●●● Choose the word or phrase that does NOT fit in each sentence.

- Do you \_\_\_\_ plastic bags at home?  
a reuse      **b) pollute**      c throw away
- What do people in your country do to \_\_\_\_ the environment?  
a recycle      b protect      c damage
- The main aim of our green group is to protect \_\_\_\_.  
a rubbish      b the environment  
c people's health
- Personally, I don't do much to \_\_\_\_ beaches.  
a pollute      b clean up      c waste
- My school \_\_\_\_ a lot of energy every month.  
a throws away b saves      c wastes
- The company's actions do a lot to \_\_\_\_ pollution.  
a increase      b waste      c decrease

**7** ●●● The words in bold in the sentences are wrong. Correct them.

- Let's take these newspapers and magazines to the recycling **factory**. **centre**
- The local government has decided to clean **out** the local beaches. \_\_\_\_\_
- Throwing away plastic bags and other rubbish **protects** the environment. \_\_\_\_\_
- I listened to a talk last night about climate **energy** – it's a huge problem. \_\_\_\_\_
- These factories have caused a lot of air **rubbish**. \_\_\_\_\_
- Unfortunately, over 1,000 plants and animals in the USA are **renewable**. \_\_\_\_\_

**8** ●●● Complete the words in the text.



## The time for change is now

It's important to understand why people should <sup>1</sup>**protect** the planet more. It's a really big problem, and we are already seeing the effects of climate <sup>2</sup>**c** \_\_\_\_\_. Although <sup>3</sup>**e** \_\_\_\_\_ cars are a bit better for the environment, they're too expensive for most people, so a lot of people still drive cars which use <sup>4</sup>**p** \_\_\_\_\_ and even fewer people use public transport or cycle to work. People should also think about what they eat. Meat and dairy farming <sup>5</sup>**d** \_\_\_\_\_ the environment and <sup>6</sup>**w** \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of energy, so adding more plants to our diet can help. And we <sup>7</sup>**t** \_\_\_\_\_ away plastic bags and aluminium cans which we should <sup>8</sup>**r** \_\_\_\_\_. We need to move to <sup>9</sup>**r** \_\_\_\_\_ energy and stop depending on petrol and <sup>10</sup>**o** \_\_\_\_\_. We need to <sup>11</sup>**c** \_\_\_\_\_ up the oceans and the air. And we need to do it now or our children may not have a planet to live in.