

Grammar

1 Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple passive.

The oceans

Over 80% of goods ¹ _____ (transport) by ships. Oil ² _____ (carry) by huge tankers. Sometimes these tankers sink. Then beaches ³ _____ (pollute) and a lot of animals ⁴ _____ (kill) by the oil.

Over 100 million tonnes of fish ⁵ _____ (take) from the oceans every year. Most of these fish ⁶ _____ (catch) by large fishing boats with long nets. Every year 150,000 tonnes of fishing nets ⁷ _____ (throw away) by fishing boats. Millions of fish, birds, seals, whales and dolphins ⁸ _____ (trap) by these nets and they die, because they can't escape.

Dangerous chemicals ⁹ _____ (dump) in the oceans. A lot of factories and power stations ¹⁰ _____ (build) on the coast, because the water ¹¹ _____ (use) to cool the machines and generators. A lot of waste ¹² _____ (produce) and it ¹³ _____ (pump) into the sea in many places.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple passive.

In 2007, the coast of Mexico ¹ _____ (hit) by Hurricane Dean. The zoo in Chetumal ² _____ (damage) by the strong winds. Luckily, no animals ³ _____ (kill), but several buildings ⁴ _____ (destroy) and trees ⁵ _____ (blow down). An international rescue team ⁶ _____ (send) to the zoo, and over 15,000 US dollars ⁷ _____ (give) by different organizations. The money ⁸ _____ (use) to repair the zoo. New and better houses ⁹ _____ (build) for the animals.

3 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Keep the same tense.

- 1 Recycling aluminium saves a lot of energy.
A lot of energy is saved by recycling aluminium.
- 2 Computers on standby waste electricity.
- 3 Higher sea levels will destroy many cities.
- 4 Deforestation has damaged the global environment.
- 5 Drought has caused forest fires.
- 6 Hurricane Katrina flooded the city of New Orleans.
- 7 The strong winds blew down many buildings.

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with these words.

rainforests hurricanes ice caps drought
carbon dioxide fossil fuels global warming

- 1 The _____ are melting so sea levels are higher today than in the past.
- 2 A lot of _____ is released when forests are cut down.
- 3 With climate change we will see more strong winds such as _____. These powerful winds can cause a lot of damage.
- 4 There hasn't been any heavy rain for six months so now there is a _____. As a result people must be careful using water.
- 5 In the future people will use less _____ and more renewable energy.
- 6 Environmentalists are worried that _____ will be destroyed to create more land for biofuel crops.
- 7 Scientists don't think we can stop _____, but they hope the temperature increase can be kept to 2°C.

Speaking

5 Julia wants to go to a party. Write the dialogue between Julia and her father. Use the cues.

J = Julia F = Father

J go / party / Tony's house / Friday?
F What time / finish?
J not know / sure not late
F OK / but home by 11
J thanks / give lift?
F No / go out
J OK / get lift with Sarah