

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.

- Recycling aluminium saves a lot of energy.
A lot of energy is saved by recycling aluminium.
- Computers on standby waste electricity.
- Higher sea levels will destroy many cities.
- Deforestation has damaged the global environment.
- Drought has caused forest fires.
- Hurricane Katrina flooded the city of New Orleans.
- 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

- The _____ are melting so sea levels are higher today than in the past.
- A lot of _____ is released when forests are cut down.
- With climate change we will see more strong winds such as _____. These powerful winds can cause a lot of damage.
- There hasn't been any heavy rain for six months so now there is a _____. As a result people must be careful using water.
- In the future people will use less _____ and more renewable energy.
- Environmentalists are worried that _____ will be destroyed to create more land for biofuel crops.
- 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