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SAVE OUR PLANET!

VOCABULARY

Planet Earth



1 ★ Complete the crossword.
Use the clues.

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- 1 We usually separate our paper, plastic and food ... into different bins.
- 2 I try to save ... at home – I always turn off the lights when I'm not using them.
- 3 Cycling or walking is better for the ... than travelling by car.
- 5 Governments want to reduce the carbon ... (or CO₂) that their countries produce.
- 8 We all live on the ... Earth.

ACROSS →

- 4 Tigers are an ... species. It's possible they will all die in a few years.
- 6 There used to be a lot of ... near here, like birds and butterflies, but not now.
- 7 Trees produce ... for us to breathe.
- 8 Traffic causes a lot of air ... in cities.
- 9 ... change causes hotter weather around the world.
- 10 ... power from the sun produces a lot of electricity in hot countries.
- 11 Plastic in the sea is bad for all ... life, from large whales to small fish.



Explore it!

Guess the correct answer.

How much of the plastic that we use every year ends up in the seas and oceans?

- a 1% b 5% c 10%

Find an interesting fact about pollution in the sea and send the question in an email to a classmate or ask them in the next class.



2 ★★ Complete the notes with words from Exercise 1.

Things we should reduce

- the amount of carbon ¹ dioxide that we produce
- ² (e.g. air, water and noise – less traffic!)
- ³ (e.g. plastic and food)
- the effects of ⁴ (e.g. rising temperatures and seas)
- the amount of ⁵ that we use (e.g. electricity and gas)

Things we need to protect or save

- the ⁶ (the air, our water, etc.)
- ⁷ (e.g. fish and other sea animals)
- the ⁸ Earth (our home – we only have one!)
- all animals, but especially ⁹ (e.g. tigers and gorillas)



3 ★★★ Circle the correct words.

We face many environmental problems, such as rising levels of ¹carbon / oxygen dioxide in the air, which cause ²climate / planet change. Plastic is also a big cause of ³pollution / waste. Every year, we put lots of plastic ⁴energy / waste into our seas and oceans. This is a huge problem for ⁵endangered / marine life. It ends up in the stomachs of fish, which bigger animals then eat, including us. Many animals are therefore becoming ⁶endangered / marine. But plastic gets everywhere on the ⁷planet / environment. Even high mountains now have millions of tiny pieces of plastic on them, carried there by the wind.