

Our natural world

1 Which picture shows: **CHECK**

wild animals

mountains

birds

a river

the ocean

a lake

a forest

a desert

a waterfall



area (n): a particular region of a country

*e.g. Mountainous **areas** are very popular with skiers in the winter.*

cover (v): to form a layer over a surface

*e.g. 70% of the Earth's surface is **covered** with water.*

drop (v): to become less

*e.g. Deserts are very hot places but at night temperatures can **drop** to below freezing at night.*

home (n): the place where sb/sth lives

*e.g. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is **home** to beautiful colourful sea creatures.*

insect (n): a small animal with six legs

*e.g. In the summer we use **insect** repellent to keep insects such as mosquitoes away.*

lack (n): not having something; a shortage

*e.g. There is hardly any vegetation in deserts as there is a **lack** of rain.*

provide (v): to give sb sth

*e.g. Oceans **provide** 50% of the Earth's oxygen.*

shelter (n): a place giving protection from bad weather or danger

*e.g. The wolves found **shelter** in a cave when it started to snow.*

2 a) Fill in: **CHECK**

provide

cover

home

lack

shelter

areas

drop

insects

A They are one of nature's treasures. They are 1) _____ with a lot of trees and 2) _____ about 30% of the Earth's land surface. They provide food and 3) _____ to people and animals.

B They take up 70% of the Earth's surface. They are 4) _____ to some of the most amazing creatures on Earth. They 5) _____ 50% of the Earth's oxygen.

C They occupy 1/5 of the Earth's land surface. It rarely rains there. Reptiles, 6) _____, birds and mammals live there. They are hot and there is a 7) _____ of water and plants. However, temperatures 8) _____ at night.

Fill in the text with the words below. **CHECK**

care

worse

habitats

wildlife

protect

then

continue

planet

environment

clean

It is important to take 1) _____ of the environment and protect our 2) _____ and its 3) _____. If we help keep the oceans 4) _____ and healthy, 5) _____ fish and marine animals will 6) _____ to live. If we 7) _____ our forests, then birds and most mammals will have 8) _____ to live in and food to eat. If we don't take care of the 9) _____, our world will change for the 10) _____.