

4 A right to fight

Vocabulary Disappearing worlds

V The environment

1 Choose the correct words.

- The Kiribati government is buying land in Fiji so its 113,000 people can **spread** / **relocate** before sea levels rise.
- It's not fair that the public has to pay to clean up land **contaminated** / **evacuated** by private companies.
- Some communities in the Himalayas have been **devastated** / **died out** by rainstorms.
- Roads and bridges are increasingly being **relocated** / **washed away** in heavy rainstorms.
- We need to **preserve** / **survive** what's left of our natural environment before it disappears.
- In 2012, 33,000 people in Guatemala were **evacuated** / **washed away** from their homes when a volcano erupted.
- In hot, dry weather, forest fires can **contaminate** / **spread** faster than a human can run.
- If bees **relocated** / **died out**, a lot of the food we eat would disappear as a result.

V insight Prefixes: semi-, under-, over-, re-, co-, inter-

2 Complete the words with the correct prefixes below.

re inter over (x2) co semi

- I like travelling by rail, but unfortunately the trains are often **crowded**.
- I thought I'd lost my printer icon, and then it suddenly **appeared** on my desktop!
- Schools should show how important it is to **co-operate** with people instead of always competing.
- Home education has many advantages, but the children don't learn how to **inter-act** with other children.
- This pasta is really soft – you've **over-cooked** it!
- We live in a **semi-detached** house, so I have to practise my drums when the neighbours are out!

3 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets and the correct prefix.

- I think nurses are **under-paid** (paid) – they deserve more money for the difficult and important work they do.
- The last paragraph of your essay needs to be **re-written** (written) so that it makes a better conclusion.
- I think his films are **over-rated** (rated). They're not as good as most people think they are.
- I love the **co-action** (action) between Sherlock Holmes and Watson in the new TV series.
- The problem with many young people today is that they are **semi-educated** (educated) but don't have any work experience.

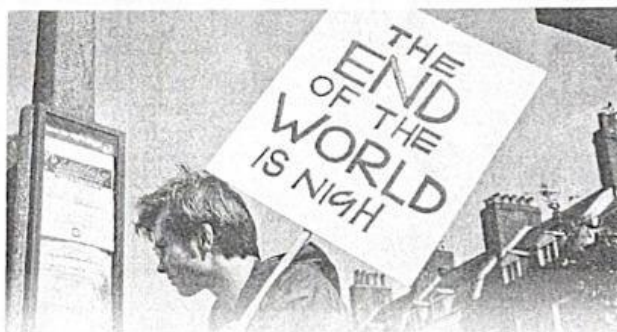
V Global issues

4 Match global issues 1–8 to nouns a–h.

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| 1 deforestation | a money |
| 2 disease | b rain |
| 3 drought | c jobs |
| 4 famine | d trees |
| 5 floods | e cities |
| 6 poverty | f virus |
| 7 unemployment | g food |
| 8 urbanization | h rivers |

5 Complete the text with the words below.

- overcrowded climate change overspending
interacting survive disease drought
urbanization famine rethink flooding
global issues spread relocate



Optimists say that humans will always find a way to ¹ _____, despite all the difficult ² _____ we face today. Pessimists looking for the end of the world can choose from many options. ³ _____ means that long, hot periods of ⁴ _____ will become more frequent in many parts of the world, resulting in ⁵ _____, while the opposite problem of ⁶ _____ will also force people to ⁷ _____ to other parts of the world. The possibility that viruses will ⁸ _____ new and deadly types of ⁹ _____ becomes ever more likely, with increased ¹⁰ _____ meaning that most people live in ¹¹ _____ cities. We cannot spend our way out of these problems easily any more because of our economic problems, a result of too many years of ¹² _____. But perhaps this will make us ¹³ _____ what is important in life, and learn to get satisfaction from ¹⁴ _____ with nature and each other instead of always thinking about money.