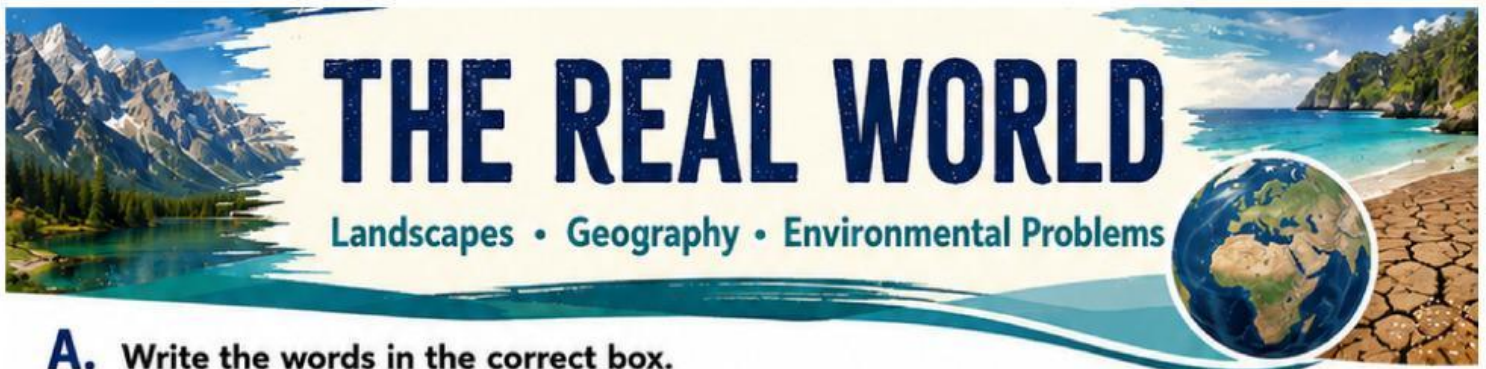




A. Write the words in the correct box.

pollution island flash flood lake drought beach plastic waste rainforest
severe flooding river climate change forest extreme weather ocean forest fire desert

BOX A

LANDSCAPES & GEOGRAPHY

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

BOX B

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

B. Choose the correct word.

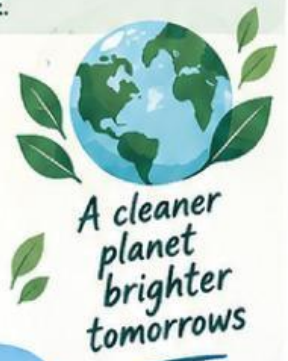
1. The Amazon is the largest **rainforest** / **desert** in the world.
2. A **flash flood** / **drought** can happen very quickly after extremely heavy rain.
3. The Pacific is the largest **ocean** / **lake** on Earth.
4. A **forest fire** / **plastic waste** can spread quickly during hot, dry weather.
5. The Sahara is a **desert** / **rainforest** in North Africa.
6. Bottles, bags and other **plastic waste** / **extreme weather** can seriously damage marine habitats.
7. Indonesia is a group of **islands** / **rivers** in Southeast Asia.
8. A long period with very little or no rain is called a **drought** / **severe flooding**.
9. Heavy rain can cause severe **flooding** / **climate change** in towns and cities.
10. **Pollution** / **forest** can make the air, water and land dirty and unsafe.



A. COUNTABLE & UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Complete the sentences with **much**, **many**, **a lot of**, **a few**, or **a little**.
Use each quantifier **AT LEAST ONCE**.

- There isn't _____ clean water left in the river.
- How _____ plastic bottles were collected from the beach?
- The new factory produces _____ pollution every day.
- Only _____ volunteers joined the clean-up.
- We only have _____ time to finish the project before sunset.
- How _____ water does the village need each day?
- How _____ trees were damaged by the storm?
- The city gets _____ rainfall during the rainy season.



B. PAST CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences with the **Past Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

- The scientists _____ (measure) the air quality when the alarm went off.
- I _____ (not study) when you called.
- The firefighters _____ (work) to stop the forest fire.
- While we _____ (walk) along the beach, we saw a lot of plastic bottles.
- The tourists _____ (take) photos when the storm started.
- At 5 p.m., the volunteers _____ (collect) rubbish from the beach.
- She _____ (not wear) a hat, so she got sunburnt.
- Many people _____ (leave) the beach because the storm was coming.



C. MIXED GRAMMAR CHALLENGE

Complete the sentences. Use the **Past Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets **AND** the correct quantifier (**much**, **many**, **a lot of**, **a few**, **a little**) where needed. Use each quantifier **AT LEAST ONCE**.

- How _____ water _____ the firefighters _____ (use) when the wind got stronger?
- How _____ volunteers _____ (work) on the beach when you arrived?
- The firefighters _____ (use) _____ water because the fire was spreading quickly.
- Only _____ tourists _____ (sunbathe) on the beach when the storm began.
- The volunteers _____ (carry) only _____ drinking water because the supply was running low.
- How _____ trees _____ the scientists _____ (examine) when the storm started?
- The rescue teams _____ (do) _____ work after the flood.
- The scientists _____ (spend) only _____ time checking the damaged area because the storm was getting closer.



A.

Choose the correct tense.

Complete the sentences with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

- While we _____ (walk) along the beach, we _____ (see) a lot of plastic waste.
- The firefighters _____ (fight) the forest fire when the wind suddenly _____ (change) direction.
- It _____ (rain) heavily when the river _____ (start) to rise.
- While the volunteers _____ (clean) the beach, they _____ (find) several plastic bottles.
- The tourists _____ (swim) in the ocean when the storm _____ (begin).
- While the rescue teams _____ (help) local people, the water _____ (continue) to rise.
- We _____ (drive) through the forest when we _____ (notice) smoke in the distance.
- What _____ you _____ (do) when you _____ (hear) about the flash flood?

Remember!

Past Continuous

was / were + verb-ing

Action in progress
at a specific time
in the past.

Past Simple

verb (ed / irregular)

Short or completed
action in the past.

B.

When or While?

Complete the sentences with **when** or **while**.

- We were walking through the forest _____ we saw the fire.
- _____ the firefighters were working, the wind became stronger.
- We were watching the river _____ it suddenly started to rise.
- _____ we were travelling along the coast, we saw several polluted beaches.
- The volunteers were collecting rubbish _____ they found an injured bird.
- _____ people were leaving their homes, the rescue teams were arriving.
- I was taking photos _____ the storm suddenly began.
- _____ the scientists were studying the river, they noticed a change in the water.

Remember!

Use **when** for
a short action.

Use **while** for
a longer action
in progress.

C.

Environmental News Report

Complete the report with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

- Last Saturday, heavy rain (1) _____ (fall) in a small town near the coast.
At about 4 p.m., many people (2) _____ (travel) home
when the river suddenly (3) _____ (begin) to rise.
While local families (4) _____ (leave) their homes,
rescue teams (5) _____ (arrive) in the area.
Some volunteers (6) _____ (help) older residents
when the water (7) _____ (reach) several streets.
Fortunately, the rain (8) _____ (stop) later that evening
while emergency workers (9) _____ (move) people
to a safer area.
By the end of the evening, everyone (10) _____ (be) safe.

