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VOCABULARY

Protecting the environment

I can talk about pollution and the environment.

What a waste!

VOCABULARY

Pollution | Protecting and damaging the environment | Compound nouns: the environment | Elections and campaigns

GRAMMAR

Past Perfect | used to

READING

Multiple choice

LISTENING

Listening for specific detail

SPEAKING

Agreeing and disagreeing

ENGLISH IN USE

Question tags

BBC CULTURE

When will the lights go out?

1 Find nine environment words in the wordsearch.

S	L	I	T	T	E	R	R	R	P
S	A	P	R	E	P	L	A	N	T
R	I	E	A	D	W	J	K	T	H
U	F	T	F	A	C	T	O	R	Y
B	I	R	F	F	A	C	T	G	S
B	N	O	I	H	T	C	O	I	L
I	G	L	C	R	Z	H	H	J	E
S	N	R	H	R	S	M	O	K	E
H	E	E	H	A	H	D	H	T	V
E	N	D	A	N	G	E	R	E	D

1 litter

2 p_____l

3 t_____c

4 r_____h

5 f_____y

6 o_____

7 s_____e

8 e_____d

animal

9 p_____t

2 Choose the correct option.

- Ugh, this cheese is old. I'll throw it in the *litter* / *bin*.
- After they built the new road, there was less *petrol* / *traffic* in the city centre.
- The company closed the *factory* / *bin* after complaints about pollution from local residents.
- It's becoming more and more difficult to find new sources of *smoke* / *oil* in the world.
- Does your car run on *oil* / *petrol* or gas?
- The forest fire was in an area with lots of *endangered* / *rubbish* animals.

3 WORD FRIENDS Match verbs 1-4 with their opposites a-d.

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|---|---------|--------------|
| 1 ☒ d | recycle | a clean up |
| 2 ☐ | protect | b waste |
| 3 ☐ | pollute | c damage |
| 4 ☐ | save | d throw away |

4 WORD FRIENDS Match 1-7 with a-g to make sentences.

- ☒ b We're going to be late - our bus is stuck in a traffic
 - ☐ You separate your glass bottles at the bottle
 - ☐ We need to use more types of renewable
 - ☐ It's incredible that some people don't believe that climate
 - ☐ We take our bottles and cans to a recycling
 - ☐ I use public
 - ☐ We should stop at this petrol
- a change is real.
b jam.
c station. There isn't another one for 200 miles.
d transport when I can because it's better for the environment.
e bank into different colours of glass.
f energy, such as wind and solar power.
g centre next to the supermarket.

5 ●● Complete the comments with the words below.

bank bin change endangered factories
litter oil recycling traffic transport

1 Too many people throw away bottles in the bin. They should take them to a bottle _____.

2 Using _____ as an energy source is one of the biggest causes of climate _____.

3 Since the government improved public _____ in this city, there are fewer _____ jams in the morning.

4 Our city needs more _____ centres. I often see people throw away bottles and cans as _____.

5 Water and land pollution from the _____ in the area affects _____ animals.

6 ●● Choose the word or phrase that does NOT fit in each sentence.

- Do you _____ plastic bags at home?
a recycle **b** pollute
c throw away
- What do people in your country do to _____ the environment?
a recycle b protect c damage
- The main aim of our green group is to protect the _____.
a environment b ocean c rubbish
- Personally, I don't do much to _____ beaches.
a pollute b clean up c waste
- My school _____ a lot of energy every month.
a throws away b saves c wastes
- Every year there are more and more endangered _____ in the world.
a plants b stations c animals
- We should do everything we can to save _____.
a water b pollution c energy

7 ●● Find and correct the wrong words in the sentences.

- Let's take these newspapers and magazines to the recycling bank. centre
- The local government has decided to clean out the local beaches. _____
- Throwing away plastic bags and other litter protects the environment. _____
- I listened to a talk last night about climate energy – it's a huge problem. _____
- The litter from these factories has caused a lot of air pollution. _____
- Over 1,000 plants and animals in the USA are renewable. They may not exist in a few years. _____

8 ●● Complete the blog post with one word in each gap.

The time for change is now

It's difficult to understand why people don't want to ¹protect the planet more. It's a really big problem and we are already seeing the effects of climate ²_____. People still drive their cars everywhere and refuse to use ³_____ transport. Traffic ⁴_____ which ⁵_____ the air are common in big cities. And we ⁶_____ away plastic bags and aluminium cans, which we should ⁷_____. We need to move to 100 percent ⁸_____ energy and stop depending on petrol and ⁹_____. We need to ¹⁰_____ up the oceans and the air. And we need to do it now or our children may not have a planet to live on.

