

3 The Wonders of Nature

Vocabulary

A Label the pictures with these words.

cave cliff coast glacier pond rainforest stream valley



B Read the text in the box and find the words to help you match 1–8 to a–h below.

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| 1 fossil | ☐ | a habitats |
| 2 conservation | ☐ | b energy |
| 3 climate | ☐ | c change |
| 4 natural | ☐ | d fuels |
| 5 solar | ☐ | e areas |
| 6 power | ☐ | f stations |
| 7 endangered | ☐ | g power |
| 8 renewable | ☐ | h species |

What's new?

Every day we read or hear how humans are creating climate change by burning fossil fuels in huge power stations instead of using renewable energy, such as solar power. The news is full of stories of how people are destroying natural habitats and putting animals and insects in danger of extinction.

However, there is some good news – scientists are still making new discoveries in the darkest parts of our rainforests, caves and coasts. We know of about two million species in the world, but there are probably another eight million kinds of animals and insects that we don't know about yet.

However, as scientists discover these new animals and insects, they already know there are endangered species. Many countries have set up conservation areas to create safe places for them to live and be protected from humans.

C Match each sentence 1–8 with the sentence a–h that logically follows it.

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| 1 Renewable energy is very important. ☐ | a They help to give animals and insects in danger of extinction a safe place to live. |
| 2 Humans are using all the planet's fossil fuels quickly. ☐ | b The temperature of the earth and sea has gone up by about 1°C in the last 100 years. |
| 3 Many people think climate change is a big problem. ☐ | c If we don't protect them, they will become extinct. |
| 4 Conservation areas are very important. ☐ | d Most of our electricity is still produced in them. |
| 5 An animal's natural habitat is the place where it lives. ☐ | e It is the power we get from the sun, wind and sea. |
| 6 Many animals are on the list of endangered species. ☐ | f It's important that we don't destroy the land they live on. |
| 7 Solar power is available everywhere. ☐ | g We get it from the sun and it is very easy to use. |
| 8 Power stations are often huge. ☐ | h It took millions of years for oil, coal and gas to form and we are using them up too fast. |

