

ENHANCE YOUR VOCABULARY

PHRASAL VERBS

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Focus on vocabulary 2

2. Read the statements from an environmental activist below. Use the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the boxes to fill the gaps.

take part in

run out of

die out

~~chop down~~

~~wipe out~~

cut down on

dry up

dispose of

freeze over

Example: a) If logging companies chop down rainforests, some native species will be wiped out.

b) Many lakes could _____ if global warming caused more droughts.

c) A lot of animal, insect and plant species wouldn't have _____ if we had acted sooner.

d) If we don't stand up for change, we will eventually _____ time to reverse global warming.

e) If we all _____ a protest, the government would probably change its environmental policy.

f) If some parts of the Arctic had stayed _____ all year round, polar bears wouldn't be struggling to survive now.

g) If we _____ waste and find better ways to _____ it, this helps the environment.

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Practice 1

5. Complete the sentences with your own ideas then discuss your answers with a partner. Try to use some of the phrasal verbs from Exercise 2.

a) If we hadn't invented cars, ...

b) If I was responsible for the environmental laws in my town/city, I would ...

c) If the temperature became much hotter/colder in my country, people would ...

d) People would have to ... if fossil fuels ran out.

e) If people cut down on ...