

## Vocabulary from the text

Use the words in their correct form to complete the gaps.

**CHECK** ...

• poison • contaminate • infect • pollute

- 1 You should wash the wound so that it doesn't get . ...
- 2 The king was  by some chemicals that were added to his food. ...
- 3 The water has been  with toxic waste and is not suitable for drinking. ...
- 4 A number of beaches have been  by people throwing litter. ...

Fill in: ...

spell

moved

reduce

grow

draw

give

harmful

lead

make

desperate

- 1)  effects ...
- 2) to  disaster ...
- 3) to  crops ...
- 4)  situation ...
- 5) to  up a proposal ...
- 6) to  aware ...
- 7) to  gas emissions ...
- 8) to  a speech ...
- 9) to be  to tears ...
- 10) to  sb to consider sth ...

Fill in: ...

trapped

waste

spill

fumes

species

rising

effect

layer

- 1 The factory was fined for dumping industrial \_\_\_\_\_ in a nearby lake. ...
- 2 The tanker capsized causing a(n) oil \_\_\_\_\_ along the east coast of the island. ...
- 3 Due to the greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_, polar ice caps are melting. ...
- 4 Cars emit exhaust \_\_\_\_\_ which are a major cause of air pollution. ...
- 5 The ozone \_\_\_\_\_ protects us from harmful rays from the sun. ...
- 6 Coral reefs are under threat because of \_\_\_\_\_ sea temperatures. ...
- 7 The Amazon River dolphin is a(n) endangered \_\_\_\_\_ that needs our help to survive. ...
- 8 Global warming is the problem caused by heat being \_\_\_\_\_ by gases in the Earth's atmosphere.

### Natural disasters

Read the news reports and choose the correct words. ...

Citizens of the Caribbean

nation of Montserrat were

told to 1) ? **abandon/evacuate** ...

yesterday when one of the

island's 2) ? **active/awake** ...

volcanoes began to blow out clouds of

3) ? **powder/ash** ... . Fearing that an 4) ? **eruption/explosion**

could occur, officials have organised boats to carry islanders to nearby Antigua.



A small earthquake has 5) ? **knocked/hit** ... north China in the last hour.

At the moment, there are no reports of 6) ? **casualties/sufferers** ... , but a

small number of buildings have 7) ? **destroyed/collapsed** ... . Officials

have warned that there could be 8) ? **aftershocks/afterthoughts** ... and

encouraged people to stay 9) ? **outdoors/outside** ... for the time being.



## The weather

Fill in: ...

frost

blizzard

downpours

minus

torrential

forecast

bitterly

gusts

Here's the weather **1)** ... for Friday 9th February. Those in the capital should take their umbrellas with them tomorrow, as we expect **2)** ... and perhaps even **3)** ... rain throughout the day. Also, it will be **4)** ... cold with severe **5)** ... and temperatures reaching as low as **6)** ... five. There's even worse news for the north of the country where a **7)** ... is due to bring over 5 feet of snow during the night. The east will have slightly warmer weather, though drivers should be aware of strong **8)** ... blowing in off the coast which could knock down trees.

## Vocabulary

### Social issues

a) Match the social issues (A-F) to the pictures (1-6). ...

- A poor sanitation
- B famine
- C racial discrimination
- D war
- E illiteracy
- F homelessness



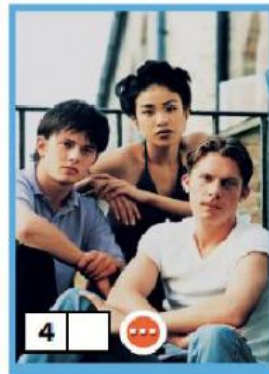
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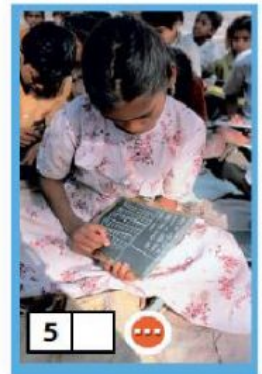
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b) Suggest one way to solve each problem.  
Tell the class.



1  


war



2  

poor sanitation



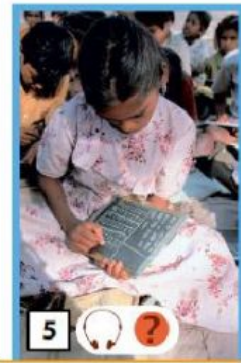
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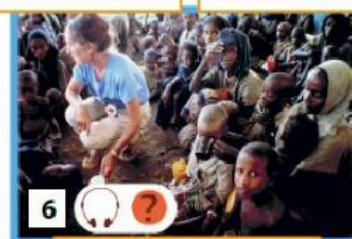
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racial discrimination



5  

illiteracy



6  

famine