# SAVE THE CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are found in clear, shallow water, mostly in the tropics. These ocean 1) .B.. provide shelter for many 2) ..... of animals, including sharks and turtles. The reefs provide rich fishing grounds for local people. They also help boost the tourist 3) ..... . Sadly, the world's reefs are now disappearing at a catastrophic 4) ..... . There are several reasons for this. 5) ..... warming is a major contributor. Climate change has caused sea temperatures to 6) ..... by about three degrees. Coral can't 7) ..... such warm conditions so the reefs are now under 8) ..... . Pollution is also a worry. Coral needs light or it will die.

9) ..... , all over the world, pollution is turning the seas murky. Erosion, over-fishing and uncontrolled tourism are also threats. But it's not too late. Coral reefs can recover quickly as 10) ..... as they are protected. The good news is that local people, such as fishermen, students, divers and biologists are becoming actively involved in controlling pollution and defending the reefs. And when ordinary people get serious about caring for the environment and conserving wildlife, they can really 11) ..... a difference.

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## EXAMZONE

Don't know which word to choose? Don't worry!

- Study the words **before and after each gap** really carefully.
- Check if the word you prefer fits the **grammar** of the sentence.

**3** **Read the text and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.**

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| 1 | **A** places | **B** habitats | **C** areas | **D** environs |
| 2 | **A** species | **B** specimens | **C** parties | **D** groups |
| 3 | **A** business | **B** market | **C** interest | **D** industry |
| 4 | **A** number | **B** level | **C** rate | **D** amount |
| 5 | **A** Greenhouse | **B** Global | **C** Planet | **D** Weather |
| 6 | **A** lift | **B** raise | **C** elevate | **D** rise |
| 7 | **A** bear | **B** stand | **C** tolerate | **D** allow |
| 8 | **A** threat | **B** danger | **C** problem | **D** difficulty |
| 9 | **A** Despite | **B** While | **C** Although | **D** However |
| 10 | **A** long | **B** far | **C** well | **D** much |
| 11 | **A** do | **B** make | **C** have | **D** take |

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