

Nature and environment

Weather and climate

1 Match the statements (1–7) with the appropriate response (a–g).

1 'It's going to be foggy later this evening.'	—
2 'It's freezing!'	—
3 'It's raining, but the sun is shining.'	—
4 'Did you see the lightning?'	—
5 'What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?'	—
6 'There are strong winds tonight.'	—
7 'The sun is shining.'	—

a 'I hope our tree won't blow down!'
b 'There's going to be light snow in the morning.'
c 'Yes, the temperature is below zero.'
d 'And look, there's a rainbow!'
e 'And there isn't a cloud in the sky.'
f 'It will be difficult for drivers to see.'
g 'Yes. There's a thunderstorm.'

Natural disasters

2 Fill in the gaps (1–11) in the reports on the natural disasters with the words from the box

ash hurricane drought send aid flood high winds
people are evacuated tornado people are trapped
blizzard heavy rain tsunami victims governments
avalanche volcanic eruption survivors earthquake
buildings collapse famine rescue workers

A ¹_____ has hit the coast of America and ²_____ have destroyed many buildings. Heavy rain has caused ³_____ in many places.

There has been a ⁴_____ in Iceland. ⁵_____ in the Earth's atmosphere has caused widespread disruption to flights.

There has been an ⁶_____ in Turkey, which has caused thousands of buildings to collapse. ⁷_____ from around the world have already arrived at the scene and are attempting to help victims who are ⁸_____ under the rubble.

A very dry summer has caused a ⁹_____ in many parts of Africa. ¹⁰_____ is expected to follow, leaving thousands of people without food. ¹¹_____ around the world have already pledged to send thousands of dollars in aid.

Animals and plants

3 **Cross out the word in each group (1–4) that does not belong there. Explain why.**

- 1 Parts of a tree:
branch bush roots leaves trunk bark
- 2 Gardening verbs:
pick water plant fertilize dig wash
- 3 Things domestic animals eat:
feed hay grass corn lawn grain
- 4 Plants you grow in your garden:
flowers fruit vegetables weeds
grass trees

Environmental issues

4 **Complete the sentences (1–6) with words from the box.**

pollution acid fumes greenhouse ozone endangered

- 1 _____ is when water and air are dirty and dangerous.
- 2 The _____ effect is the warming of the Earth's atmosphere as a result of harmful gases.
- 3 There are holes in the _____ layer and this causes temperatures to rise.
- 4 Car exhaust _____ are bad for the environment.
- 5 _____ rain is full of chemicals.
- 6 An animal that is _____ may become extinct.

5 **Match the statements (1–8) with ways to protect the environment from the box.**

recycling wind farms conservation organic food
saving electricity electric cars not leaving litter
saving water solar power

- 1 Look for natural forms of energy. _____
- 2 Use less fuel. _____
- 3 Look after animals in their natural environment. _____
- 4 Don't throw away cans, bottles, jars, paper or cardboard. _____
- 5 Use fewer pesticides and other chemicals. _____
- 6 Turn the lights off when you're not in the room. _____
- 7 Don't leave the tap on while brushing your teeth. _____
- 8 Take your rubbish home with you. _____