PROTECTING THE PLANET

VOCABULARY

1. Complete the crossword with the correct words.

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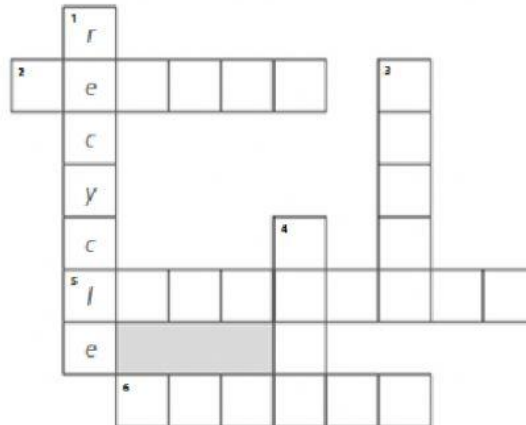
Across

2 _____ pollution

5 _____ the environment

6 _____ plastic

Down

1 _____ waste

3 _____ trees

4 _____ water

READING

2. Read the article.

A magazine article

The man who planted a forest

Imagine a forest bigger than five football stadiums that is home to tigers, rhinoceros, elephants, monkeys and reptiles. Now imagine you had created it yourself by planting *all* the trees over decades. It's hard to believe, but that's just what Jadav Payeng has done! Molai Forest, an amazing nature reserve, exists because of his dedication.

Jadav is a farmer who lives on Majuli, the biggest river island in the world, in the Brahmaputra River in Assam, India. Over the past 70 years, Majuli has shrunk to half its original size due to flooding. Many trees were carried away by the floods and sand was left behind. In 1979, after a particularly bad flood, 16-year-old Jadav saw snakes dying on the sand because there was no shade from trees. He realised that without trees, the islanders would suffer too and future floods might completely cover Majuli. He wanted to do something, so he planted a few trees, thinking that the roots would help hold the soil together. Then, he made an incredible decision – he would plant a tree daily. Every day since then, Jadav, now 58, has added a tree to his forest which now helps protect the island. Jadav's dream is to fill Majuli with trees and he plans to continue planting trees.

For years, nobody noticed his efforts. Then, in 2009 a nature photographer, Jitu Kalita, discovered his forest and published an article in a local newspaper – the 'Forest Man', as Jadav was called, slowly became famous internationally. In 2013 a film about his work was a huge success at the Cannes Film Festival and was followed by a children's story book about him. In 2015, Jadav received India's highest civilian award.

Jadav's forest hasn't just saved Majuli, it's helping fight climate change. Deforestation is the second biggest cause of global warming and planting trees is the best and cheapest way to reduce carbon emissions. Imagine if everyone did the same as Jadav! It shows how one person really can make a difference.

3. What is the main message of the text?

a. People should plant more trees because deforestation causes global warming.

b. Anyone can create a forest nature reserve if they are prepared to work hard enough.

c. A man has worked for years to create a forest and save his homeland.

4. Read the article again and choose the correct option.

1 Molai Forest was created

   A by one man over a number of years.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B to save animals such as tigers.

C in just ten years by Jadav Payeng

2 Jadav first ….. when he was 16 years old.

    A saw snakes.

    B began planting trees.

    C experienced a flood.

3 Jadav

    A has planted a tree a day since he started.

    B isn't going to continue planting trees.

    C has now planted trees all over the island.

4 Which is not true about Jadav?

    A it took a long time for people to find out about his work.

    B there is a book and film about his work.

    C he hasn't received any awards for his work.

LISTENING

5. Listen to a conversation between Elena and Iris about music festivals. In what order do they mention these things?

    a.   rubbish going to landfill

    b.   shampoo bottles

    c.   cups and bottles

    d.   tents

    e.   travel

    f.   plastic cutlery (knives, forks, spoon)