

Environmental Problems

Listen and complete the texts.

1. A farm in Yorkshire is slowly being 1) The owners, Shawn and Yvonne Mars, are currently losing a 1 metre wide 2) ... from the edge of their property every month. Now only 19.5 metres 3) ... their house and the cliff edge. This coastline is the fastest disappearing in Europe, and the section where they live **erodes** three 4) ... other parts of the coast.
2. A new study claims that 5) ... is partly responsible for over 2 and a half million deaths each year. According to the study, air pollution increases the chances of 6) ... and heart disease, with young, old and sick people most at risk. The study **concluded** that death rates in cities with high levels of pollutions can be 7) ... higher than in cleaner cities.
3. A tornado **touched down** in at 7.45 a.m. in the town of Frederickson, Pierce County, 8) roof tiles, blowing out car windows and lifting one car clear off the ground. The tornado, which was **approximately** one mile wide and had wind speeds of up to 9) ... , was on the ground for about 5 minutes and caused an estimated 25,000 dollars-worth of damage.
4. Research by Brazil space agency suggests that progress in **preventing** deforestation in the Amazon rainforest 10) Last year, **destruction** was at a record low. However, data suggests that almost 2,766 square kilometers of forest were cleared between August 2012 and July 2013, 35% more than 11) Environmentalists fear that, after an early success, authorities are once again allowing farmers, miners and developers to encroach into new territory.
5. Torrential rain caused **havoc** across Britain yesterday, as train services 12) ... and commuters left **stranded**. The Environment Agency has issued more than 20 flood warnings, as more rain, thunderstorms and squally winds are forecast in the next 24 hours. Already over 60mm of rain has fallen in the last two days, and another 30mm 13) ... in the morning, along with gusts of up to 60 miles an hour.

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Match the words in bold with the definitions below.

1. the action or process of causing so much damage =
2. left at a place and cannot move anywhere =
3. gradually destroyed usually by natural causes =
4. landed on the ground; arrived =
5. keeping something from happening =
6. great damage =
7. damage =

Summarize each paragraph in one sentence.

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...