



Going green

Environmental issues are widespread and can affect everyone on the planet. It has become increasingly evident that humans can do serious (1) _____ to the environment and that something must be done to (2) _____ these adverse effects. Thankfully, more and more people are adopting a more (3) _____ way of living.

Green living combines human activities and communities with conserving the natural (4) _____ and habitats of the earth. Certified experts can advise people as to what small steps can be taken to make their way of living more eco-friendly. For example, they encourage people to participate in responsible behaviour such as ecotourism. This type of tourism respects the natural habitat of the wildlife in an area, supporting local (5) _____ efforts and ensuring low-impact visitor behaviour. Eco-friendly experts explain that by making our lives greener we are creating a better outlook for future generations.

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| 1. A. damage | B. disaster | C. threat | D. destruction |
| 2. A. decline | B. drop | C. reduce | D. lower |
| 3. A. captivating | B. down-to-earth | C. industrial | D. environmentally-friendly |
| 4. A. reserves | B. resources | C. trails | D. parks |
| 5. A. deforestation | B. conservation | C. emission | D. evacuation |

PREDICTING NATURAL DISASTERS

People might wonder whether (6) _____ ever be protected from natural disasters. Although we cannot stop them, there are ways to mitigate their effects.

More than a decade ago, Japan was hit by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake, which scientists announced (7) _____ the strongest earthquake on record in Japan. As soon as the earthquake struck, residents were warned that a tsunami was coming. Despite the warning, more than 18,000 people were killed.

Following the disaster, Japan's Meteorological Agency (JMA) admitted that the height of the tsunami waves (8) _____ underestimated in the warning, which resulted in a slow evacuation. They also announced that they (9) _____ changes in the warning system used so as to avoid similar phenomena in the future.

Needless to say, it is very important that such natural disasters (10) _____ predicted as accurately as possible as this could save many lives.

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| 6. A. will we | B. could we | C. can we | D. we could |
| 7. A. is | B. was | C. being | D. would be |
| 8. A. had been | B. have been | C. are | D. might be |
| 9. A. must make | B. will make | C. would make | D. are making |
| 10. A. had been | B. to be | C. being | D. be |

Read the fragment from the email and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to fill the gaps.

Hi Meg,

I'm really looking forward **(1)** ___ you here in Ukraine next weekend! You asked me about the weather. Well, it **(2)** ___ a very chilly autumn so far and last night was absolutely **(3)** ___! The scientists say the climate **(4)** ___ and that temperatures are rising in all the seasons but it's definitely not **(5)** ___ warmer here.

1	A to see	B to seeing	C seeing	D see
2	A is	B was	C has been	D will be
3	A frozen	B freezing	C freezed	D frost
4	A is changing	B changes	C have changed	D change
5	A get	B got	C getting	D is getting

Read the short text and choose the correct answer A, B or C to fill the gaps.

Nowadays many scientists and environmentalists are warning us against the disastrous effects of global warming. Others, however, are worried that the opposite **(1)** ___ in the near future and the earth will enter a period of a new ice age.

According to a number of experts, only the Sun is powerful **(2)** ___ to bring about a major climatic change on our planet. NASA scientists predict that the solar cycle in the near future will be one of the weakest ever recorded. If their predictions **(3)** ___ true, this will cause a dramatic change in the global climate: in other words, a new ice age.

The consequences of that will indeed be catastrophic. The summer periods in most of Europe and North America will get much **(4)** ___. As a result, these countries will not be able to produce **(5)** ___ food as in the past. This will, in turn, lead to massive migrations, serious economic problems and even wars.

1	A is happening	B might happen	C happens
2	A well	B most	C enough
3	A come	B will come	C might come
4	A the shortest	B shorter	C short
5	A more	B the most	C as much