Environmental Problems

A. Use the following words from the box to make up word combinations denoting some of the environmental problems of the present day. Write them down.

shortage	melting	energy	glaciers	greenhouse
change	global	population	explosion	rain
of water	warming	effect	climate	crisis	acid

global warming,

B. Complete the sentences with some of the word combinations from part A.

1) *Global warming* is a problem caused by increased quantities of gases such as carbon dioxide in the air. These gases trap the heat from the sun, and cause a gradual rise in the temperature of the Earth's atmosphere.

2) In fact, many of the environmental problems that have received the most public attention are even worse than we thought — from destruction of the rainforests to _____ in the Arctic.

3) The main cause of the _____ is the industrial burning of coal and other fossil fuels, the waste gases from which contain Sulphur and nitrogen oxides, which combine with atmospheric water to form acids.

4) _____ is long-term, significant change in the climate of an area or of the Earth, usually seen as the result of human activity.

5) People have been looking for alternative sources of energy in order to avoid global _____ .

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