

UNIT 5 A

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Climate change is real, and we must act now. This is why the [No Impact Experiment](#) is such a great initiative. Basically, it is a one-month “carbon detox” that will help you become more environmentally friendly and live a greener life. You can make simple changes like switching to energy-efficient light bulbs or turning off your faucet when you brush your teeth. I’m actually going to give the experiment a try. Stay tuned for my next post. [posted by Ida]

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3 Read Ida’s second blog post. How far is she into her *No Impact Experiment*?

- a She’s just started it. b She’s halfway through it. c She’s completed it.

As promised, this is a summary of my experience so far:

1 I haven’t switched to solar energy (not yet, anyway), but I’ve replaced all my light bulbs. I’ve heard that LED bulbs, for example, can reduce energy consumption by up to 90% and last around 100,000 hours, so you end up saving a lot of money in the long run. ¹ _____



2 I’ve stopped using plastic bags, which I’d actually thought about doing even before the experiment. They litter our cities, pollute our waterways, and kill wildlife. Sea turtles have been confusing jellyfish with plastic bags and choking as a result. ² _____ There’s only one problem: I keep forgetting to take my reusable bag to the supermarket!



3 I’ve been walking to work these past two weeks. I know I’m saving money on gas and burning fewer fossil fuels, but, honestly, I hate leaving my car at home. Before, it only took me ten minutes to get to work, but now it takes me an hour. ³ _____



So far the *No Impact Experiment* has been harder than I thought, but I’m looking forward to the next two weeks. Maybe a greener lifestyle takes a little getting used to!

4 Fill in blanks 1–3 in the text in exercise 3 with a–e below. There are two extra sentences.

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| a It feels like such a waste of time! | d It’s a shame there’s so little time left. |
| b These are such important decisions. | e There have been so many shocking deaths you’ll never use one again! |
| c I just wish they weren’t so expensive – and so bright! | |

Read sentences a–e in exercise 4 again. Complete the rules with *so* or *such*.

- 1 Use _____ before nouns or adjectives followed by nouns.
- 2 Use _____ before adjectives.
- 3 Use _____ before quantifiers: *little*, *much*, *few*, and *many*.