UNIT 5 A

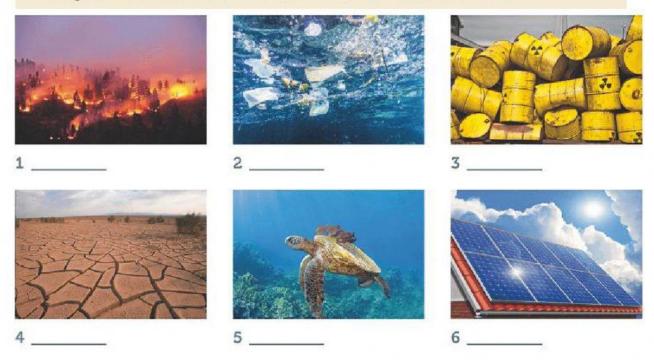
VOCABULARY: THE ENVIROMENT

1A > 5.1 Match the highlighted words with pictures 1–6. Listen and check.

Studies have shown that because of ¹climate change, ²heat waves have become much more common across the globe. When a heat wave occurs during a drought, the situation is even worse, since the lack of rain can contribute to wildfires, too.

We need to reduce ³energy consumption because our use of ⁴fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, is negatively affecting the planet. These fuels increase the amount of ⁵carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, which makes the planet warmer. Governments worldwide have been trying to encourage people to use ⁶environmentally friendly sources of power such as solar energy and to buy ⁷energy-efficient household appliances.

Life in our oceans is disappearing fast, and the most ⁸**endangered species** include birds, turtles, fish, and dolphins. Plastic bags litter our seas and are extremely dangerous to marine wildlife. Recent estimates suggest that nearly 200 species are at risk because they eat these bags and other kinds of litter. Another problem, of course, is toxic waste, which contains dangerous chemicals and sometimes even radioactive material.



-	5.2 Match the bold words 1–8 in the text ith definitions a–h. Listen and check.
а	periods of unusually hot weather
b	a type of animal or plant that might
	disappear soon
С	using only a small amount of gas or
	electricity
d	the gas formed when people burn carbon
е	not having a negative effect on the
	environment
f	a long-term change in the planet's weather
	because of human activity
g	fuels that form in the earth from dead plants
	or animals
h	the amount of gas and electricity we use