

Take from Interchange video book. Unit 7

1. Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with phrases from the box. Compare with a partner.

catastrophic event	coastal areas	global warming
climate panel	high tide	technological fix

1. Less than two days after the levees broke in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, 80 percent of the city was under water.
It was a catastrophic event.
2. Engineers are likely to search for a to a problem, rather than a natural solution or a change in how people behave.
3. Tsunamis are usually more damaging to the of a country than the inland areas.
4. The government appointed a made up of scientific experts to find out how changing weather patterns might affect the country in the future.
5. Many scientists believe that is causing the glaciers to melt.
6. During a, many areas by the ocean that are usually above ground may be under water.



2. What are some threats faced by the people living in Tuvalu? Write the number of the threat in the square provided in each picture.



1. Forecasts show that the tides will continue to get higher.
2. The main roads on the island are sometimes flooded.
3. The airport runway may disappear.
4. Plants won't grow in the salty water.

3. Fill in the blanks with the Word or words you hear. Use words no numbers

1. It's difficult to grow anything on Tuvalu because the soil is too
2. An Australian system has been monitoring the tides in Tuvalu for years.
3. Scientists predict that most coastal areas of Tuvalu will be washed out in years.
4. A typical high tide reaches about meters.
5. The highest point on Tuvalu is only about meters.
6. Without help, Tuvalu can survive for only about more years.
7. The island nation of Tuvalu has inhabitants.

4. Choose the best meaning for the underlined words

Read these sentences from the video. Choose the best meaning of each underlined word. Check (✓) your answers. Then compare with a partner.

1. Incredibly beautiful, but incredibly vulnerable.
☐ expensive ☐ easily damaged ☐ ancient
2. The water also surges up from underground, through the coral the islands are built on.
☐ floats ☐ moves sideways ☐ rises suddenly
3. This isn't like other floods that I've covered, with a single catastrophic event.
☐ fortunate ☐ terrible ☐ interesting
4. At the harbor, the rising swell is monitored by an Australian system.
☐ controlled ☐ ignored ☐ measured
5. These [islands] are so narrow, you can cross from one side to the other in a few short paces.
☐ steps ☐ miles ☐ minutes

5. Watch the video and complete the paragraph with the words needed.

A reporter is talking about what Tuvalu needs to survive.

For the children of Tuvalu, the are fun. But for them to their on these islands will require international And with 11,000 people here, will the world think it's it? Now, of course, Tuvalu does get some , but not enough to keep the sea at bay. So the community very soon a difficult of to draw a line between who get and those who don't. And in the , people here are getting ready for king tide. Right now it's ; it's due to get very in about eight hours' time.

