

NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT.

Task 1. THE ENVIRONMENT. Complete the following sentences with a word or expression from the box. There are some that you do not need.

*CFC • unleaded petrol • endangered • tidal energy • ozone layer
natural resources • desertification • fumes • greenhouse effect
pollution • acid rain • extinct • global warming • fossil fuels
• rainforest solar power • wildlife • recycle • bottle bank • ecological*

1. _____ falling on forests has killed a lot of trees in the last 20 years.
2. The council is encouraging us to _____ more household rubbish.
3. Factories and vehicles produce a lot of dangerous _____.
4. _____ of the atmosphere has increased over the last 50 years, making the environment very dirty.
5. The effect of gases in the earth's atmosphere is preventing the earth from losing heat; this is called the _____.
6. When _____ gases are released into the atmosphere, they rise slowly.
7. The hole in the _____ is getting larger every year.
8. If _____ continues, there is a danger that the polar ice-cap will start to melt.
9. We take all our empty bottles to the _____ so that the glass can be used again.
10. Long periods of drought have brought about the _____ of whole areas of central Africa.
11. Tigers, whales and panda bears are all _____ species.
12. People are worried that soon whales will become _____.
13. We should use fewer _____ such as oil and coal, and look to other energy sources such as _____ and _____.

Task 2. CLASSIFICATIONS. Put the words below into their appropriate box depending on their classification. There are eight words for each box.

cactus • fir • rose • salmon • bee • swan • seaweed • squid • owl peacock • marigold • ladybird • palm • human • lily • shark • parrot squirrel • crab • seagull • bamboo • lobster • tulip • orchid • trout butterfly • crow • wasp • bat • snail • cedar • hedgehog • leopard daffodil • eagle • octopus • deer • dolphin • whale • oak • penguin oyster • mushroom • beetle • worm • ant • poppy • daisy

Mammals

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Birds

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Insects and invertebrates

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Flowers

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Trees and other plants

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Sea and river creatures

1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ; 5. _____ ;
6. _____ ; 7. _____ ; 8. _____ .

Task 3. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS. Find names of the animals. The first letter of each animal has been given to you after each sentence. (One animal is mentioned twice.)

1. **A** _____ *in the hand* is worth two in the bush. (b)
2. How do I know? **A little** _____ told me! (b)
3. He seems inoffensive, but actually he's **a** _____ *in sheep's clothing* (w)
4. He walked to school **at a** _____ 's pace. (s)
5. She was so nervous before the exam she **had** _____ *in her stomach*. (b)
6. **Don't count your** _____ *before they're hatched!* (c)
7. I can't get her to agree; she's **as stubborn as a** _____. (m)
8. The new airport is a complete **white** _____. (e)
9. Don't puzzle me; I hate it when you try **to** _____ me. (f)
10. Our company is having some serious financial problems. We're **a lame** _____ at the moment. (d)
11. It's been a long time since he came here. We haven't seen him for _____ 's years! (d)
12. It was a difficult problem, but he decided to **take the** _____ *by the horns* and tell his father he was leaving the family firm. (b)