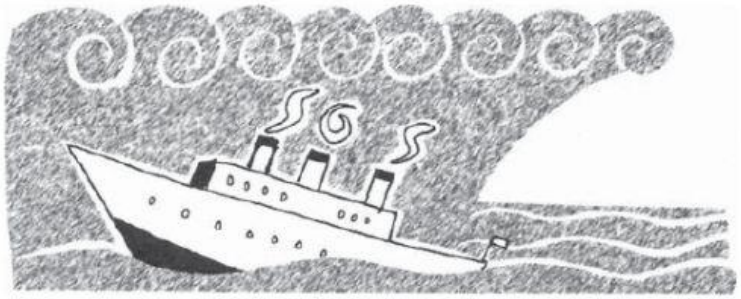


VOCABULARY

14 Problems

Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

a) Many people were injured when the building *demolished/collapsed.*
b) The ship radioed to say that it was in *difficulties/dangers.*
c) The government has announced plans to help the *poor/poverty.*
d) There was a large *demonstration/manifestation* against nuclear power in Manchester yesterday.
e) Everyone agrees that the *environment/nature* must be protected.
f) There has been another *increase/rising* in the level of crime.
g) There are few jobs here and many people are *away from work/unemployed.*
h) The train was in a/an *accident/collision* with a bus on a level crossing.
i) The driver of the bus admitted that he had *done/made* an error.
j) No ships are sailing today because of the *high/storm* winds.



2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

disaster	emergency	hooliganism	living	disease	~~famine~~
injuries	rubbish	earthquake	floods	invasion	slums

a) Food has been sent to areas in Africa suffering from ***famine.***
b) Many people live in overcrowded ..... on the edge of the city.
c) The cost of ..... has risen steadily this year.
d) Thousands of buildings fell down during a severe .....
e) ..... at football matches has been reduced this year.
f) The ..... of Ruritania has been condemned by the United Nations.
g) The eruption of the volcano was a terrible .....
h) Hundreds of people drowned during the .....
i) Two of those involved in the crash had serious .....
j) Large cities face the problem of what to do with household .....
k) Doctors announced that there was now a cure for the .....
l) During the storm there were hundreds of ..... calls.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

a) Most young people want to ..*B*.. more about green issues.
A) look up B) find out C) deal with D) make out

b) Everyone knows about pollution problems, but not many people have ..... any solutions.
A) thought over B) got round to C) looked into D) come up with

c) Many factories break the anti-pollution laws and .....
A) put up with it B) take it over C) get away with it D) come round to it

d) Disposing of waste and rubbish is a hard problem to .....
A) carry out B) put up C) get away D) deal with

e) More people in cities should ..... cycling instead of using cars.
A) rely on B) take up C) set up D) get around to

f) Most governments seem to ..... dealing with environmental problems.
A) put off B) make up for C) do without D) take after

g) In some countries environmental organizations have been ..... to inform people and gain their support.
A) set off B) make up C) set out D) set up

h) Unless we ..... the problem, many animals could become extinct.
A) face up to B) look up to C) turn up to D) get up to

i) Quite soon, the world is going to ..... energy resources.
A) run out of B) get into C) keep up with D) come up against

j) We must believe that problems can be solved, and not just .....
A) make up B) look up C) give up D) put up

4 Replace the words in *italics* with a word or phrase from the box.

~~banned~~	ignored	increased	polluted	solved	flooded
improved	overpopulated	protected	unemployed		

a) Smoking has been *made illegal* in pubic places in some countries. . . . ***banned***....
b) Famine is a serious problem, and it hasn't been *dealt with* yet .....
c) Many kinds of wild animals need to be *guarded by the law* .....
d) Living conditions have been *made better* in some parts of the world.

e) Our local lake has been *made dirty* by nearby factories .....
f) A problem which is *not thought about* does not simply go away .....
g) A lot of people in industrial areas are *without work* .....
h) After the recent storms, the town was *filled with water* .....
i) Some countries are *inhabited by too many people* .....
j) Recently the number of people riding bicycles has *grown larger* .....

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5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

a) I'm glad I ..*C*.. my plane! I've just heard that it's broken down.
A) lost B) refused C) missed D) altered

b) The cruise ship hit a rock and .....
A) sank B) drowned C) flooded D) crashed

c) I lost the keys to my house and had to climb in ..... the window.
A) by B) to C) through D) with

d) The village was completely ..... in an earthquake.
A) collapsed B) destroyed C) ruined D) broken

e) The bus driver couldn't ..... the accident.
A) protect B) control C) provide D) prevent

f) After police found drugs there, the disco was .....
A) closed down B) banned C) ignored D) abolished

g) During the match, someone ..... fire to the stadium.
A) set B) put C) opened D) caught

h) We decided not to go camping because of the ..... rain.
A) great B) amount C) heavy D) extra

i) I had to shut the window because the noise outside was .....
A) shouting B) unbearable C) in danger D) enormous

j) When the fire broke out, an electronic alarm .....
A) came in B) opened up C) went off D) put out

6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

A modern Robinson Crusoe

After a (1) ..***collision***. between two ships in the Atlantic, Alan — COLLIDE
Connaught from Dundee ended up (2) ..... living on a — EXPECT
desert island. 'I fell (3) ..... and no-one noticed. — BOARD
A few hours later I found myself lying (4) ..... on a — EXHAUST
beach after swimming for miles. It was (5) ..... too, not — FREEZE
warm and sunny, like Crusoe's island. The only (6) ..... — SOLVE
I could find was to dig a hole in the sand as a shelter.'
After an (7) ..... in the weather, Alan waited to be rescued. — IMPROVE
'There was little food and no fresh water. It was an (8) ..... — HEALTH
life, and I felt ill most of the time. I suffered from (9) ..... — LONELY
too, but then I found a village on the other side of the island!'
he said. 'The people had moved there after the (10) ..... of — DESTROY
their homes by a volcano. Luckily they had a radio, and a ship
soon came to rescue me.'

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7 Match the words in the box with the definitions (a-j).

aid	conservation	drought	famine	riot	~~charity~~
demonstration	emergency	pile-up	strike		

a) An organization which collects money to help those in need ***charity***
b) When an area is desperately short of water
c) The act of protecting animals, or parts of the environment
d) When people march through the streets to show their opinions.

e) A collision involving several vehicles
f) When an area is desperately short of food
g) Something unexpected which must be dealt with quickly
h) When people stop working through disagreement with their employers.

i) Help (money, food, etc.) given by governments or other organizations.

j) When a crowd of people is violent and out of control

8 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

a) The fireman put his life ***at*** risk to rescue the child.
b) Teachers have decided to go strike next month.
c) Sue has a lot of work to do and is stress at the moment.
d) The coach driver went through a red light mistake.
e) Many people are dying hunger in the desert area.
f) The boat which sank was crowded people.
g) The two countries are now war with each other.
h) an emergency, break the glass.
i) When the fire brigade arrived, the church was no longer fire.
j) When the volcano erupted, a party of tourists was danger.

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9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

A letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

We are writing to suggest that all cars should be (1) ..*B*.. from the centre of the city as soon as possible. The amount of (2) ..... from car exhaust fumes is now (3) ....., and we believe that the public must be (4) ..... Apart from this, the streets are crowded (5) ..... cars, and our lives are at (6) ..... when we try to cross the road! There has been a huge (7) ..... in the amount of traffic recently, and the government just seems to put (8) ..... the problem, instead of (9) ..... it. Unless we (10) ..... the traffic problem, and seriously consider some of the (11) ....., life in our city will become (12) ..... Our organization, Cities for People, has been (13) ..... to make the government do something! We are holding a (14) ..... next week in the city centre, and hope that many people will (15) ..... us.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Kingwood, Secretary, Cities for People

1)	A stopped	B banned	C removed	D altered
2)	A this	B problem	C driving	D pollution
3)	A unbearable	B much	C overcrowded	D exceeded
4)	A preserved	B saved	C exhausted	D protected
5)	A from	B in	C with	D between
6)	A risk	B danger	C urgent	D problem
7)	A size	B number	C growing	D increase
8)	A out	B away	C up	D off
9)	A going through	B dealing with	C closing down	D keeping up with
10)	A look for	B make out	C face up to	D come round to
11)	A solutions	B errors	C suggestions	D matters
12)	A lifeless	B uninhabitable	C impossible	D destruction
13)	A taken after	B set up	C carried out	D looked into
14)	A pile-up	B riot	C organization	D demonstration
15)	A join	B bear	C increase	D agree

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