

VOCABULARY

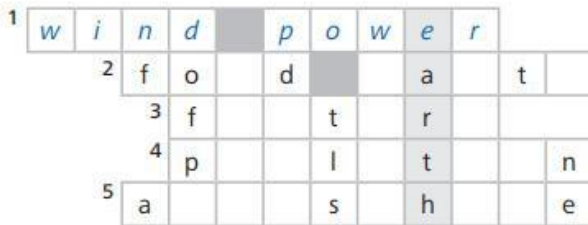
Talking about the environment | Compound nouns: the environment | Protecting and damaging the environment | Environmental issues | Elections and campaigns

GRAMMAR

Past Perfect | Used to and Past Simple

- 1 ● Read the sentences and write the missing environment words in the crossword.

- _____ is a great solution for countries surrounded by the sea.
- Did you know you can recycle _____ to grow plants?
- That's the _____ where they make cars.
- The government needs to do more to reduce _____.
- Global warming is caused by too much carbon in the Earth's _____.



- 2 ● ● Choose the correct option.

- We need more trees on the planet because they produce oxygen / pollution.
- Solar / Wind power isn't really possible in this part of the country because it's so dark all the time.
- The company closed the *factory* / *atmosphere* after complaints about pollution from local residents.
- It's becoming more and more difficult to find new sources of *petrol* / *oil* in the world.
- Does your car run on *oil* / *petrol* or gas?
- The forest fire was in an area with lots of *endangered* / *wind* animals.

- 3 ● **WORD FRIENDS** Match verbs 1–5 with their opposites a–e.

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d | recycle/reuse | a | clean up |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | protect | b | waste |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | pollute | c | damage |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | save | d | throw away |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | reduce | e | increase |

- 4 ● Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b | We need to reduce the amount of carbon |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | Because of global |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | We need to use more types of renewable |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | It's incredible that some people don't believe that climate |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | We take our bottles and cans to a recycling |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | Driving an electric |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | What are the main energy |
- a change is real.
b ~~dioxide in the atmosphere~~.
c sources used to generate electricity in this country?
d car is a good way to reduce pollution.
e warming, many parts of the world are seeing water shortages.
f energy, such as wind and solar power.
g centre next to the supermarket.



5 ●● Complete the sentences with the words below.

change dioxide endangered factories oil
oxygen pollution recycling **solar** source

1 Getting energy from the sun as **solar** power is a great way to reduce _____.

2 Using _____ as an energy source is one of the biggest causes of climate _____.

3 Trees take in carbon _____ and release _____ into the atmosphere.

4 Our city needs more _____ centres. In fact, a lot of things that people throw away could be used as an energy _____.

5 Water and land pollution from the _____ in the area affects _____ animals.

6 ●● Choose the word or phrase that does NOT fit in each sentence.

- Do you ____ plastic bags at home?
a reuse **b) pollute** c throw away
- What do people in your country do to ____ the environment?
a recycle b protect c damage
- The main aim of our green group is to protect ____.
a rubbish b the environment
c people's health
- Personally, I don't do much to ____ beaches.
a pollute b clean up c waste
- My school ____ a lot of energy every month.
a throws away b saves c wastes
- The company's actions do a lot to ____ pollution.
a increase b waste c decrease

7 ●● The words in bold in the sentences are wrong. Correct them.

- Let's take these newspapers and magazines to the recycling **factory**. **centre**
- The local government has decided to clean **out** the local beaches. _____
- Throwing away plastic bags and other rubbish **protects** the environment. _____
- I listened to a talk last night about climate **energy** – it's a huge problem. _____
- These factories have caused a lot of air **rubbish**. _____
- Unfortunately, over 1,000 plants and animals in the USA are **renewable**. _____

8 ●●● Complete the words in the text.



The time for change is now

It's important to understand why people should ¹**protect** the planet more. It's a really big problem, and we are already seeing the effects of climate ²**c** _____. Although ³**e** _____ cars are a bit better for the environment, they're too expensive for most people, so a lot of people still drive cars which use ⁴**p** _____ and even fewer people use public transport or cycle to work. People should also think about what they eat. Meat and dairy farming ⁵**d** _____ the environment and ⁶**w** _____ a lot of energy, so adding more plants to our diet can help. And we ⁷**t** _____ away plastic bags and aluminium cans which we should ⁸**r** _____. We need to move to ⁹**r** _____ energy and stop depending on petrol and ¹⁰**o** _____. We need to ¹¹**c** _____ up the oceans and the air. And we need to do it now or our children may not have a planet to live in.