Clean and green!

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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

2.1 Vocabulary

Protecting the environment

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

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

1	w	i	n	d		p	o	w	e	r
	2	f	o		d			a		t
		3	f			t		r		
		4	p			l		t		n
		5	a			s		h		e

2 ●● Choose the correct option.

1 We need more trees on the planet because they produce *oxygen* / *pollution*.
2 *Solar* / *Wind* power isn't really possible in this part of the country because it's so dark all the time.
3 The company closed the *factory* / *atmosphere* after complaints about pollution from local residents.
4 It's becoming more and more difficult to find new sources of *petrol* / *oil* in the world.
5 Does your car run on *oil* / *petrol* or gas?
6 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.

1	[d] recycle/reuse	a	clean up
2	[ ] protect	b	waste
3	[ ] pollute	c	damage
4	[ ] save	d	~~throw away~~
5	[ ] reduce	e	increase

4 ● Match the sentence halves.

1 [b] We need to reduce the amount of carbon
2 [ ] Because of global
3 [ ] We need to use more types of renewable
4 [ ] It's incredible that some people don't believe that climate
5 [ ] We take our bottles and cans to a recycling
6 [ ] Driving an electric
7 [ ] 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.

1 Do you ___ plastic bags at home?
a reuse (b) pollute c throw away

2 What do people in your country do to ___ the environment?
a recycle b protect c damage

3 The main aim of our green group is to protect ___.
a rubbish b the environment
c people's health

4 Personally, I don't do much to ___ beaches.
a pollute b clean up c waste

5 My school ___ a lot of energy every month.
a throws away b saves c wastes

6 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.

1 Let's take these newspapers and magazines to the recycling **~~factory~~**. *centre*

2 The local government has decided to clean **out** the local beaches. _____

3 Throwing away plastic bags and other rubbish **protects** the environment. _____

4 I listened to a talk last night about climate **energy** – it's a huge problem. _____

5 These factories have caused a lot of air **rubbish**. _____

6 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]p*rotect* 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.

I can talk about pollution and the environment.