

WE SHOULD TAKE MORE CARE!

Yesterday, we interviewed Laura Smith, an environmentalist who is very worried about taking care of our environment. This is what she said. Read the interview and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use **PRESENT SIMPLE**, **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**, **PAST SIMPLE**, **PAST CONTINUOUS** or **FUTURE SIMPLE**.

Global warming ¹ _____ (CAUSE) major changes in our world now and animals and plants ² _____ (TRY) to live with these changes. The problem is that, if we ³ _____ (NOT DO) anything, many species will become endangered or even extinct!

For example, on the Galapagos islands, penguins won't be able to survive because now the fish they eat ⁴ _____ (MOVE) north to cooler waters. The Sahara Desert is expanding because the temperature ⁵ _____ (RISE). This means that in the near future many animals ⁶ _____ (LOSE) their habitat as their homes are getting hot and dry and water is evaporating. If the ice ⁷ _____ (CONTINUE) melting in the South and North poles, polar bears will be thinner and finally die because they ⁸ _____ (NOT HAVE) a place to live and hunt.

It is astonishing how much human beings can pollute the environment. Last year, for example, I ⁹ _____ (MAKE) an investigation in a tiny village near here. I calculated that the people there threw



away too much rubbish in just one month. They had a real problem because they ¹⁰ _____ (NOT HAVE) enough places to put it. There was rubbish everywhere. I still remember the first day I arrived. While I ¹¹ _____ (WALK) along the street, I saw a lot of litter on the ground. The smell ¹² _____ (BE) horrible and the air and sea were really polluted. I went to the beach. It was very dirty. There ¹³ _____ (BE) plastic bottles, paper and many more things all along the coast. I looked up at the sky. Many sea gulls ¹⁴ _____ (FLY) and looking for food in the rubbish to eat. I decided to start cleaning the place at that moment. Fortunately, many villagers ¹⁵ _____ (SEE) me and offered their help. But, it started to rain heavily when we ¹⁶ _____ (WORK) and we couldn't continue. We worked for almost six months. We recycled many things like magazines, newspapers and mobile phones and we ¹⁷ _____ (HELP) to reduce the amount of rubbish significantly.

Pollution is a serious problem. Do you know that if you ¹⁸ _____ (NOT RECYCLE) one water bottle, it will take five hundred years to break down? If we all do our part, we can reduce contamination. My five-year-old sister, for example, always ¹⁹ _____ (TURN OFF) the lights and ²⁰ _____ (NOT LEAVE) the tap running when she ²¹ _____ (BRUSH) her teeth. We need to start changing things right now because if we don't act quickly, it ²² _____ (BE) too late!

