Unit 20 Vocabulary

● Weather and the environment

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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urban / suburban / rural	clean / clear	thunder / lightning
smog / fog / smoke / mist	pour / drizzle / flood	global / worldwide
weather / climate	environment / surroundings	plain / land / field / desert
forecast / prediction	wind / air	extinct / endangered
waste / litter / rubbish	reservoir / lake / puddle / pond	recycle / reuse

Phrasal verbs

call for require; need; demand	**get (sb) down** make sb feel sad or lose hope
call off cancel	**put down to** suggest that sth is the result of
clear up become brighter and better (for weather)	**put out** make something stop burning
cut off make a place difficult or impossible to enter, leave or communicate with; disconnect	**set in** start and be likely to continue for a while (for rain, winter, an economic depression, etc)
die down become less noisy, powerful or active	**stand for** represent (for abbreviations and symbols); put up with
do up repair, paint or improve	**tear down** destroy or remove (for buildings, statues, etc)
face up to accept sth and try to deal with it	**throw away** get rid of, discard

Phrases and collocations

control	lose/take/have control (of sth); in control; out of control
effect	have an effect (on sth/sb); take effect
end	in the end; at the end (of sth); come to an end; come to/reach the end (of sth); happy ending
floor	on the floor; on the ground/first/second/etc floor
fuss	make/cause a fuss (about sth/doing)
long	(for) as long as; (for) a long time; take a long time (to do); long to do; long for sth (to do)
look	have/take a look at sth/sb; look like sth/sb; look at/for sth/sb
mess	make a mess (of sth); in a mess
responsibility	have/take (the) responsibility for sth/doing
shower	take/have a shower; a rain shower; a light/heavy shower of rain
sight	catch/lose sight of sth/sb; in sight of sth; at first sight
waste	a waste of time; waste your time; industrial/household waste
weather	weather forecast; under the weather
world	all over the world; around the world; throughout the world; the whole world; in the world; world record

Word patterns

aware of sth; aware that	**expect** sth/sb (to do); expect that	**hard** to do; hard doing
covered in/with sth	**familiar** with sth; familiar to sb	**prevent** sth; prevent sb from doing; prevent sth from happening
disappointed with/by sth; in sb	**famous** for sth/doing	**short** of sth; short on sth
except (for) sth/doing	**glance** at sth/sb	**warn** sb about/against sth/doing; warn sb of sth; warn sb not to do; warn (sb) that

Word formation

accurate accurately, inaccurate(ly), (in)accuracy	**globe** global(ly)	**nature** (un)natural(ly)
danger dangerous(ly); endanger; endangered	**great** greatly, greatness	**neighbour** neighbourly, neighbouring, neighbourhood
develop (un)developed, developing, developer, development	**harm** harmful(ly), harmless(ly), (un)harmed	**pollute** (un)polluted, pollution, pollutant
environment environmental(ly), environmentalist	**likely** unlikely, likelihood	**reside** residential, resident, residence
extreme extremely, extremity, extremist	**low** lower, lowness	**sun** sunny, sunshine
freeze froze, frozen, freezing, freezer		

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Topic vocabulary in contrast

A Circle the correct word.

Local news in brief

Thresham Valley under water?

Plans to turn much of the Thresham Valley into a large (**1**) **puddle / reservoir** to provide drinking water for the local area have received mixed reactions. Local councillors have praised the scheme, arguing that the environmental and economic benefits of (**2**) **flooding / pouring** the valley will far outweigh the disadvantages. Several small (**3**) **rural / urban** communities – two villages, three hamlets and two farms – in the valley will disappear, however.

Lucky escape for farmer

A farmer was struck by (**4**) **lightning / thunder** on Thursday evening, while mending a fence in one of his (**5**) **plains / fields**. The farmer, Jack Dobson, received treatment for slight burns at Meldew Hospital. Talking about the incident later, he said: 'It was (**6**) **drizzling / showering** slightly when I went out, but I'd checked the weather (**7**) **prediction / forecast** and it hadn't said there was going to be a thunderstorm. It was lucky I was wearing my wellington boots!'

Save bags and save money

Shoppers at a local supermarket are being urged not to throw away the supermarket's plastic shopping bags. A spokesperson for Asdo said: 'For every new bag we make, the factory has to pump out industrial (**8**) **waste / litter** and that's increasing pollution in the (**9**) **suburban / surrounding** area. We want to reduce the number of bags we make each year. We're offering a financial incentive to our customers to (**10**) **reuse / repeat** their bags by bringing them with them every time they shop with us rather than getting new ones each time.'

Local academic causes a stir

An academic from Davington University has caused controversy by claiming that (**11**) **global / worldwide** warming is not caused by human disregard for the (**12**) **weather / environment**. In her new book entitled *Are We to Blame?*, Professor Angela Lucini argues that large-scale changes in the Mediterranean (**13**) **land / climate**, for example, have taken place ever since the world was formed. 'People weren't responsible for the Ice Ages, or their coming to an end, and we certainly weren't responsible for the fact the dinosaurs became (**14**) **extinct / endangered** so it's a bit presumptuous of us to think we're responsible for all the problems were facing now, isn't it?' she said.

Councillor calls for an end to the fireplace

Local councillor Davina Forrest is calling for a ban on the use of coal fires at home. 'There's no doubt that if domestic chimneys stopped pumping out (**15**) **smoke / fog** into the atmosphere, the (**16**) **air / wind** we'd all be breathing would be much (**17**) **cleaner / clearer**,' she said.

Phrasal verbs

B Complete using the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

call for • call off • clear up • cut off • die down • do up • face up to • put out

1 The weather should have ..... by this evening, shouldn't it?
2 Do you think the wind has ..... enough for us to go sailing without any danger?
3 Environmentalists are ..... stricter controls on the use of leaded petrol.
4 Why can't they ..... the fact that their products are bad for the environment?
5 Firefighters managed to ..... the forest fire before it destroyed any houses.
6 We'll have to ..... the demonstration if the weather's really bad, won't we?
7 The town was totally ..... for three days because of the floods.
8 It didn't take us long to ..... the old barn, did it?

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C Write one word in each gap.

1 Don't throw those batteries ..... .They're not biodegradable!
2 Rainy days always ..... me down.
3 Could you tell me what the letters 'CJD' stand ..... ?
4 They're planning to tear ..... the old cinema and build a new shopping centre on the land.
5 I think the rain's set ..... for the day, don't you?
6 Some scientists put the extinction of the dinosaurs down ..... changes in the world's climate.

Phrases and collocations

D Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

1 Josh isn't feeling very well today. **weather**
Josh is feeling a bit ..... today.
2 CFC's have badly affected the ozone layer. **effect**
CFC's have ..... the ozone layer.
3 Would you mind quickly looking at the engine? **look**
Would you mind ..... the engine?
4 Cleaning the beach took ages. **long**
It ..... clean the beach.
5 It's Carl's job to read the barometer every morning. **responsibility**
Carl ..... the barometer every morning.
6 There's no point trying to persuade him to recycle bottles and paper. **waste**
It ..... trying to persuade him to recycle bottles and paper.
7 We'll soon be able to see land, won't we? **sight**
We'll soon be ..... land, won't we?
8 I couldn't steer the boat because the waves were so high. **control**
I ..... the boat because the waves were so high.

E Circle the correct word.

1 The days of Athens being one of the most polluted cities in the world have **come / gone** to an end.
2 Their office is **at / on** the fifteenth floor.
3 The government's **made / done** a complete mess of its environmental policy.
4 It's so hot, I think I'm going to **do / have** a cold shower to cool down.
5 As usual, so-called nature lovers are **making / taking** a fuss about nothing.
6 I can't believe there's anyone in the **complete / whole** world who wants the hole in the ozone layer to get any bigger.
7 It looks **like / as** a large number of species will become extinct over the next decade.
8 You used to believe there really was a pot of gold **at / in** the end of every rainbow, didn't you?

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Word patterns

F Write one word in each gap.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tourists to San Francisco are rarely disappointed (**1**) ..... the famous range of cultural and artistic attractions the city has to offer. But San Francisco is more famous (**2**) ..... being on the San Andreas fault, a notorious source of earthquakes. Over seven hundred people died in San Francisco in the great earthquake of 1906, and more than 70 perished in another large quake in 1989. It's hard (**3**) ..... imagine why anyone would want to live in such a dangerous area, but millions of people choose to do so. They are all familiar (**4**) ..... the faultline, and are aware (**5**) ..... the potential danger if there's another powerful quake. Yet nothing, it seems, will prevent people (**6**) ..... building in San Francisco. A quick glance (**7**) ..... a photo of the city shows a large number of modern skyscrapers, many of them completely covered (**8**) ..... glass.

Seismologists are constantly warning residents (**9**) ..... the possibility of 'the next big quake'. They expect it (**10**) ..... happen sooner rather than later. But San Franciscans are not short (**11**) ..... courage. Except (**12**) ..... making doubly sure that their buildings are built to the highest safety standards, they carry on with their daily lives as if nothing could ever disrupt them.

Word formation

G Each of the words in bold is in the wrong form. Rewrite them correctly.

1 Most scientists accept that **globe** warming is a reality. .....
2 The weather was **freeze**. I was wearing two pairs of gloves and my fingers were still cold! .....
3 What can we do to protect **danger** species like the giant panda? .....
4 Meteorologists can forecast tomorrow's weather with incredible **accurate** these days. .....
5 **Develop** are planning to build a water park on the site of the old airport. .....
6 All our products are **environment** friendly. .....
7 Everyone should be **extreme** worried about the hole in the ozone layer. .....
8 We live in a **resident** area about twenty minutes from the town centre. .....
9 There's not much **likely** of environmental groups stopping the building of the new factory, is there? .....
10 Don't worry! This snake is completely **harm**. .....
11 Let's go outside and enjoy the **sunny** while it lasts. .....
12 What kind of **neighbour** did you grow up in? .....
13 I hope they don't **low** the price of petrol. .....
14 The **great** of solar power lies in its simplicity. .....
15 A number of different **pollute** in the river have caused the death of all the fish. .....
16 It's **nature** dark for this time of day. They didn't say there was going to be an eclipse, did they? .....

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