Can you remember the missing words in the Ted Talk ?



I would like to talk to you about a very special group of animals. There are 10,000 species of birds in the world. Vultures are amongst the most threatened group of birds. When you see a vulture like this, the first thing that comes to your [ ] is, these are disgusting, ugly, greedy creatures that are just after your flesh, associated with politicians. I want to change that [ ]. I want to change those feelings you have for these birds, because they need our sympathy. They really do. And I'll tell you why.



First of all, why do they have such a bad [ ]? When Charles Darwin went across the Atlantic in 1832 on the Beagle, he saw the turkey vulture, and he said, 'These are [ ] birds with bald scarlet heads that are formed to revel in putridity.' You could not get a worse insult, and that from Charles Darwin. You know, he changed his [ ] when he came back, and I'll tell you why. They've also been associated with Disney – personified as goofy, dumb, stupid characters.



Complete the text with the present continuous form of the verb.

My sister [1] _____ (study) Ecology and Wildlife Conservation at university. She and the other students on her course [2] _____ (learn) about the causes of environmental change and about possible solutions. Her university is in a small town between a large forest and the sea, so they [3] _____ (get) a great opportunity to study different habitats. This is her final year, so my sister [4] _____ (also write) an independent research project. Her research is on rainforests and she [5] _____ (hope) to work in Brazil after she graduates. She [6] _____ (not think) too much about that at the moment, however, because she has several exams to pass first!





Choose the correct form of the verb (present simple or present continuous) to complete the sentences.

1. Every year, the government _____ (plant) trees to combat deforestation.
2. Right now, environmentalists _____ (protest) against the construction of a new factory.
3. Our city regularly _____ (recycle) paper, glass, and plastic.
4. This week, volunteers _____ (clean) the beach to remove plastic waste.
5. At the moment, scientists _____ (study) the impact of climate change on human and animal life.

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