

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct answer to show that you understand the meaning of the words in bold.

1. **Wildlife** in the rainforest includes different types of *trails* / *monkeys*.
2. The lightning **caused** a *forest fire* / *tidal wave*.
3. *Bigger* / *Rising* sea levels are a **threat** to some islands.
4. The hurricane was responsible for the **destruction** of *ruins* / *thousands of homes*.
5. **Drilling** for *oil* / *water* is big business in our country.
6. One of the world's main food **sources** is *rice* / *milk*.

2 The words in bold are in the wrong sentences. Write them next to the correct sentences.

1. To reduce pollution, the city has decided to **bring back to life** campfires in its parks.
2. Some people **raise money** against deforestation by sitting in trees.
3. People are working hard to **ban** the rainforests.
4. Living close to an airport will **restore** you to a lot of noise pollution.
5. The concert will **take action** to provide solar power equipment to villages in India.
6. We must **expose** the forests that these fires destroyed.

3 Match each topic to a sentence.

- A Oil Spills
- B Global Warming
- C Renewable Energy
- D Fossil Fuels
- E Landscapes

- 1. Examples of these are gas, coal and oil.
- 2. The biggest of these occurred in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010, killing thousands of birds and marine animals.
- 3. Greater use of this power could help slow climate change.
- 4. This occurs because carbon dioxide in the atmosphere traps heat, affecting the planet's temperatures and weather.
- 5. Within the next 100 years, melting ice, rising oceans and other effects of climate change could change these around the world.

Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

volunteer • disappear • participate • raise • become

- I never in Earth Day, but I will next year.
- She began to study the effects of deforestation 15 years ago. Since then, she a world expert.
- Sarah at the park clean-up last week.
- We £1,000 for Save the Oceans so far.
- When dinosaurs ?

5 Match the sentences in A and B. Then complete the sentences in B with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

A

- The author used a lot of scientific terms in the article.
- I don't want more food.
- Nicki forgot to bring a shopping bag yesterday.
- Danny has sent me three texts in the past hour.
- I left for my trip on 1st June.
- A fire destroyed this forest a year ago.

B

- I enough. (eat)
- I him yet. (not answer)
- So, I them up on my phone. (look)
- I away for three months now. (be)
- It already to grow again. (start)
- I her one of mine. (give)

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

You ¹ probably (hear) of Earth Day, which promotes environmental protection. But ² you (know) that it happened because of a tragedy? In January 1969, oil drilling machinery off the coast of California ³ (explode), causing an oil spill. About 15 million litres of oil polluted the area, killing marine animals and seabirds. The spill, which ⁴ (occur) in US waters, ⁵ (inspire) Senator Gaylord Nelson to create Earth Day. Twenty million Americans attended the first Earth Day on 22nd April 1970. It even ⁶ (influence) national policy – shortly afterwards, the president ⁷ (establish) the Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1990, Earth Day ⁸ (be) a global event, with more than a billion people taking part.