

Nature and the Environment



Choose the correct verb (prevent, avoid, protect) and fill in the blanks with the appropriate form.

1. The new environmental law helps to _____ animals from extinction.
2. We left early to _____ the traffic jam.
3. People should _____ pollution by using eco-friendly products.
4. A healthy diet can help _____ heart diseases.
5. Wearing sunglasses helps _____ your eyes from the sun.

Match the words (1-11) with the correct definitions (a-k).

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| 1. Global warming | a) A tropical forest with tall trees growing very close together, in an area where it rains a lot. It is very important for the balance of the Earth's ecology. |
| 2. The ozone layer | b) Changes in the weather around the world, which result in much higher or lower temperatures, storms, floods, etc. |
| 3. Climate change | c) A situation in which most of the trees in an area are cut down or destroyed. |
| 4. The greenhouse effect | d) The natural home of a plant or animal. |
| 5. Ecology | e) The gradual warming of the Earth caused by pollution that stops heat from leaving the atmosphere. |
| 6. The environment | f) The air, water, and land where people, animals, and plants live. |
| 7. The food chain | g) A type of plant or animal that is likely to stop existing completely. |
| 8. Habitat | h) The gradual warming of the Earth caused by pollution that stops heat from leaving the Earth's atmosphere. |
| 9. Rainforest | i) The way in which plants, animals, and natural features of a place affect and depend on each other. |
| 10. Deforestation | j) A layer of natural gases around the Earth. The ozone layer protects the Earth from the harmful effects of the sun, but pollution is causing a hole in it. |
| 11. Endangered species | k) The natural system in which, for example, an insect eats a plant, a bird eats the insect, an animal eats the bird, etc., with the result that all these different forms of life depend on each other. |