

# 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).**

1. Global warming
2. The ozone layer
3. Climate change
4. The greenhouse effect
5. Ecology
6. The environment
7. The food chain
8. Habitat
9. Rainforest
10. Deforestation
11. Endangered species

- 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.
- b) Changes in the weather around the world, which result in much higher or lower temperatures, storms, floods, etc.
- c) A situation in which most of the trees in an area are cut down or destroyed.
- d) The natural home of a plant or animal.
- e) The gradual warming of the Earth caused by pollution that stops heat from leaving the atmosphere.
- f) The air, water, and land where people, animals, and plants live.
- g) A type of plant or animal that is likely to stop existing completely.
- h) The gradual warming of the Earth caused by pollution that stops heat from leaving the Earth's atmosphere.
- i) The way in which plants, animals, and natural features of a place affect and depend on each other.
- 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.
- 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.