

Task 1. What pollutes our environment? Match the word pairs from the two columns and use them to complete these sentences. There are some phrases you don't need to use.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>acid / carbon / disposable / solar / endangered / energy / ozone / oil / greenhouse / renewable / suitable / unleaded / bottle / fossil</i>	<i>conservation / bank / species / effect / petrol / energy / slick / products / rain / power / monoxide / layer / waste / fuel</i>

- 1) The _____ screens out dangerous ultraviolet rays from the sun.
- 2) _____ stands beside collection points for other recyclable waste like paper, metals and plastics.
- 3) In recent times, agriculture has become a major _____ energy user.
- 4) _____ is the conversion of the sun's energy into heat and electricity.
- 5) From October 1990 all new cars manufactured will have to be able to run on _____.
- 6) The _____ seriously threatens marine life around the islands.
- 7) _____ destroys trees and damages buildings.
- 8) _____ is a highly poisonous gas, mostly produced by cars.
- 9) Society should protect _____ from extinction.
- 10) Global warming is otherwise known as the _____.

Task 2. Choose 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 Asda 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 we're 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.