

## VOCABULARY FOCUS

**Task 1: Complete the sentences with a word or expression from the box.**

biodegradable    carbon dioxide    overfishing    conservation  
waste management    ecosystem    ozone layer    habitat loss  
deforestation    landfill    climate change    contamination  
renewable energy    endangered species

1. The melting of glaciers is one of the most visible effects of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Forests are being destroyed at an alarming rate due to illegal logging and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Wind, solar, and hydro are forms of \_\_\_\_\_ that help reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
4. The factory was shut down due to chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of a nearby river.
5. Many \_\_\_\_\_ are at risk due to illegal hunting and shrinking habitats.
6. When not separated properly, plastic and food waste end up in the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Coral reefs are an essential part of the marine \_\_\_\_\_.
8. One of the main gases responsible for global warming is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ protects the Earth from harmful UV rays but has been damaged by pollution.
10. This packaging is fully \_\_\_\_\_ and will break down naturally in the soil.
11. Wildlife \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial to maintaining biodiversity.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious issue caused by catching fish faster than they can reproduce.
13. Urban development has led to significant \_\_\_\_\_ for many animals.
14. Improved \_\_\_\_\_ can reduce pollution and promote recycling.

**Task 2: Choose the best word that completes the sentence.**

1. Coastal towns were hit by a strong \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend.  
a. drought                    b. hurricane                    c. landslide                    d. earthquake

2. In autumn, leaves \_\_\_\_\_ and fall from the trees.  
a. fade                    b. blossom                    c. wither                    d. shed

3. The polar bear is often used as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ wildlife.  
a. endangered      b. decreasing      c. trapped      d. isolated

4. The volcanic eruption covered nearby towns in thick \_\_\_\_\_ for days.  
a. smoke      b. soot      c. dust      d. ash

5. \_\_\_\_\_ farming causes damage to the soil and reduces biodiversity.  
a. Rotational      b. Organic      c. Industrial      d. Sustainable

6. Bees, butterflies, and other \_\_\_\_\_ are essential to crop growth.  
a. pollinators      b. predators      c. scavengers      d. herbivores

7. \_\_\_\_\_ fog in large cities is a dangerous mix of smoke and pollution.  
a. Misty      b. Toxic      c. Industrial      d. Smog

8. Droughts are expected to become more frequent due to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. desertification      b. air pressure      c. climate change      d. ecosystem balance

9. Many governments now promote \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce plastic pollution.  
a. reuse      b. waste dumping      c. incineration      d. overconsumption

10. Flooding has been made worse by poor \_\_\_\_\_ in urban areas.  
a. waste sorting      b. drainage systems      c. energy usage      d. air quality

**Task 3: Choose the correct word.**

1. This sanctuary helps to protect animals that are **on** / **in** the brink of extinction.
2. Acid rain has a destructive effect **to** / **on** forests and aquatic life.
3. Desertification is one of the major threats **to** / **for** agriculture in dry regions.
4. Sea levels have **risen** / **raised** steadily over the past century.
5. Poachers are putting rhinos and elephants **on** / **at** serious risk.
6. Fossil fuels are still widely used despite the growth **in** / **of** clean energy.
7. Oil spills cause long-term damage **for** / **to** marine life.
8. Many species are now **at risk** / **in risk** of extinction due to habitat destruction.
9. Coastal communities depend on strong **protection** / **prevention** measures to preserve their environment.
10. National parks play a vital role in the **preservation** / **conservation** of wildlife and natural habitats.
11. People can reduce their **carbon footprint** / **foot-trace** by cycling instead of driving.
12. Many companies are adopting **sustainable practices** / **environmental behaviors** to reduce waste and emissions.
13. This new dam project has displaced wildlife and flooded their natural **habit** / **habitat**.
14. Many companies are now developing products with a lower environmental **impact** / **consequence**.