

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**.