

# 9 Vocabulary 2 Green business trends

**A** Replace the words and phrases in bold with the correct form of these words and phrases.

biodegradable   carbon emissions   catch on   competitive   consumer demand   energy companies  
fossil fuels   investors   natural resource   refillable bottles   renewable energy   switching   upward trend

- 1 Globally, more than a million plastic bottles are sold every minute. By switching to **packaging we can reuse** \_\_\_\_\_, we could reduce the amount of plastic waste significantly.
- 2 Some good examples of plastic alternatives are paper and bamboo. Both materials are **able to decay naturally** \_\_\_\_\_. The trend of using alternative packaging is **becoming popular** \_\_\_\_\_ and many companies are now changing the materials they use to wrap their goods.
- 3 The most common type of **energy that can be used again** \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is hydropower, followed by wind and solar energy.
- 4 The **increased shift** \_\_\_\_\_ in hybrid and electric vehicles has led to an increased demand for lithium, which is a **material existing in nature** \_\_\_\_\_, used to make batteries.
- 5 The use of too many **fuels formed underground** \_\_\_\_\_ such as coal, gas and oil are producing dangerous levels of **greenhouse gases** \_\_\_\_\_. In 2021, these reached an all-time high.
- 6 With many big **businesses that provide power** \_\_\_\_\_ now **moving** \_\_\_\_\_ to renewable resources, it is expected that we will start to emit fewer greenhouse gases, which contribute towards global warming.
- 7 There is a growing **need for goods and services** \_\_\_\_\_ for products made with sustainable materials and there is now an annual awards ceremony for those with the most innovative alternatives. The prize is financial backing from **people that put money into something to make a profit** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Many **wanting to be more successful than others** \_\_\_\_\_ entrepreneurs are now working towards finding alternative and sustainable methods of travelling. They are aiming to be the first, and the most successful, by inventing electronic boats, planes and even jetpacks!